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Tullock Returns
British Expedition Gets Back to Peking After Series of Sharp Fights.

Lieutenant McPherson Shows Great Gallantry at Siege of Chinese Town.

Single Handed Keeps Chinese at Bay Till His Men Arrive.

Peking, Dec. 15.—Col. Tullock has returned. The British troops being notified by a Chinese of the existence of a large amount of treasure, twenty miles northwest of Peking, Col. Tullock, with one hundred men left Peking on Wednesday last to investigate the truth of the report, that a large amount of gold and valuables had been buried at a certain point by persons connected with the Chinese court, in the latter's flight from the imperial capital. The following day, Thursday, Col. Tullock reported the discovery of the body of a man who gave the British information regarding the hidden treasure. He had been decapitated.

Col. Tullock reports having an exciting experience. His detachment was fired upon eight miles from Peking. He could not discover the assailants, as they used smokeless powder and modern guns. He camped for a night at a place called Kao-li-yang, eighteen miles from here, meeting with slight opposition, but he was informed that he would be attacked the next day by Boxers from Del-hai-yang, and sent for reinforcements. Fifty men under Lieut. Lepperton, of the 26th Beluchistan regiment, was sent to his assistance.

Immediately after their arrival, Col. Tullock attacked the town, which had to be entered by the use of scaling ladders. In the attack, Lieut. McPherson distinguished himself. He led the scaling party, which reached the town, jumped down into the place and emptied his revolver, killing five men. He then drew his sword and defended himself until his men arrived in force and saved him from death. Col. Tullock speaks highly of the lieutenant's action. He says he believes McPherson did a deed which merits the Victoria Cross, in jumping to what apparently was certain death in order to let his men escape. Col. Tullock says the people of Peking do not realize the contempt in which they are held in the country districts. He adds that one Chinaman said while dying: "You can kill me, but you cannot kill the Boxer movement, which will exist until every devil in China is killed."

Berlin, Dec. 15.—A despatch from Peking, under date of December 14, says the Hohenscholdt column found a quantity of arms and ammunition at Tsang; several 15-centimetre guns still packed in cases were also found. According to the same despatch, the Russians have bought 120,000 piculs of rice to be distributed, half free and half at a low price.

UNITED STATES SENATE.
Mr. Teller Thinks a Nation Can Break Treaties at Will.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Immediately after going into executive session to-day, the senate resumed consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Senator Teller taking the floor and continuing his argument against the treaty. He contended for the right of any nation to abrogate a treaty at any time, and said that it would be practical and competent for the United States to arbitrarily cancel the agreement with Great Britain whenever this country so desired. It is the opinion of the friends of the treaty that its opponents are trying now to find means of postponing the final vote on the treaty until after the holidays.

LOST HER PROPELLER.
Steamship, Cific Reported as Being Towed to Queenstown.

Holyhead, Wales, Dec. 15.—The British steamer Bohemian, from Boston for Liverpool, reported having spoken the White Star line steamer Cific, from Liverpool, December 4 for New York, with her Dec. 15, 98 miles from Pastnet, in tow of the British steamer Throstlegarth, making for Queenstown.

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THE TERMINAL CITY.
Preparations For Receiving Returning Soldiers—Westminster District Reeves Meet.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The city council and military reception committee to-day decided to give the returning South African heroes a big public reception and lunch, besides entertaining the local boys at the Theatre Royal on the night of arrival.

Returns from Naas, Port Simpson, Metlakatla, Inverness, Essington, Rivers Inlet and Alert Bay gave Maxwell 46 more votes, and Garden 27.

A very important meeting of the reeves of New Westminster district took place at New Westminster last night, to discuss amendment to the Municipalities Act. Many amendments will be suggested to the provincial government.

Forty-two canneries were represented at a meeting held yesterday to discuss the question of forming an association for the season of 1901. There was the greatest unanimity of feeling at the meeting, and a resolution was passed that an association be formed on the lines of the association of 1900, which recently dissolved through the expiration of the time limit.

Trapped on Top of a Hill
Northumberland Placed in a Position Where They Could Not Be Supported.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener, under date of December 15, reports to the war office from Pretoria as follows: "Clements has come to see me. He says the four companies of the Northumberland held out on the hill as long as their ammunition lasted. The Boer force attacking the hill was 2,000 strong, while another force of 1,000 attacked Clements' camp."

By 6:20 a.m. the hill was carried. Reinforcements of a company of the Yorkshires failed to reach the top. Clements' retirement was carried out with regularity, but, as many native drivers bolted, a considerable amount of transportation and all the ammunition not taken away was destroyed. He reports that all behaved very well.

"Broadwood has gone to Rustenberg, and supports Oliphant's Nek, which has been reinforced. A flag of truce which the Boers says Joubert's son was killed, and further reports their losses as very heavy."

The Society of Friends of the United Kingdom are about to memorialize Lord Salisbury, protesting against the burning of homesteads, causing great suffering to women and children, as a means of checking the destruction of railways or effecting the submission of combat-kingdom are about to memorialize Lord Salisbury to the inhuman methods of ancient and mediaeval warfare.

BOTH A WANTS PEACE.
London, Dec. 16.—A special despatch from Standerton, Transvaal, says that Gen. Louis Botha is at Ermelo, taking a peaceful attitude and, informing the burghers that the time has come, submit to the inevitable. It is expected that he will shortly make overtures for peace.

WAR TAX REDUCTION.
United States House Passes the Bill—Will Not Tax Express Receipts.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The house to-day passed the War Revenue Reduction bill. The amendment placed in that bill yesterday to tax express receipts was defeated on an aye and nay vote.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES
Want Alien Law Enforced—Election Protests Filed—Joseph Rymal Dead.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The militia department announces that Private Stebbings, of Victoria, is returning with Col. Otter.

The prospects are that there will be a large crop of protest in Ontario. The Liberals will protest Bicket in Ottawa if the Conservatives protest Belcourt.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—E. F. Clarke, M. P., West Toronto, has received an appeal from the workmen of Victoria mines, C. B., to assist in having the "Alien Labor Act" enforced against a crowd of United States workmen engaged in erecting the smelter.

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 15.—The Liberals this morning entered a protest against the election of R. A. Pringle in Cornwall and Stormont county.

Hamilton, Dec. 15.—Joseph Rymal, ex-M. P., died this morning, after a lingering illness, aged 80 years.

SOLD HIS INTERESTS.
Shares in Boundary Electric and Tramway Companies Disposed of.

Greenwood, Dec. 15.—George H. Collins, of this city, has sold to Nelson investors his interests in the Greenwood & Phoenix tramway, and Greenwood Electric Light Co. His holdings in the former were one quarter of the stock of the company, which was capitalized at \$100,000 in \$1 shares. In the electric light company he held 16,250 shares, each at a par value of \$1. The electric light company serves both Phoenix and Greenwood, and has been in operation nearly a year, with handsome results. In the coming spring, operations will be on the tramway scheme to connect this city with Phoenix.

British Politics.
Maglienberg Defeat Attributed to Gross Blundering by Someone in Command.

Unpatriotic Members of Parliament May Be "Sent to Coventry."

Session Just Closed Has Been Marked by Bitter Personalities.

London, Dec. 15.—The astounding and utterly unexpected reverse of the British at Maglienberg, the news of which was broken to the nation exactly one year after Gen. Buller's defeat at Colenso, utterly disposes of the hope that the war in South Africa is nearly ended, and shatters the myth that the operations there were merely of a guerilla nature. As Mr. Lloyd George (Liberal), said in the House of Commons to-day: "This is one of the most severe reverses suffered by the British, and it is quite evident the war will drag on for many months to come. We have 210,000 men in the field, yet we are unable to protect ourselves from disaster at the hands of small commandoes drawn from a pastoral population."

With somewhat cruel coincidence, the Northumberland are known as the "Fighting Fifth." The Second Battalion, to which the captured companies belonged, was one of the heaviest sufferers at Stormberg a year ago. The regiment has often been pronounced by home and foreign critics to be one of the finest in the British army. All the forebodings and criticisms which Colenso gave rise to a year ago, have been resurrected by the disaster at the Maglienberg. The War Office has nothing to do but "grin and bear it," and trust to time. Until Gen. Kitchener's forces are transformed into mounted infantry, and the mounted police get to work, Mr. Broderick sees little hope of improvement in the military situation. But whoever was responsible for the disaster at the Maglienberg is likely to suffer, for the new War Office officials are determined to make examples of generals or any other officers guilty of such gross mismanagement, or worse, which it would seem must have occurred at this last defeat. This stern attitude on the part of the present government, however, by no means decreases the scorn and ignominy with which certain Liberal members of parliament, who are avowedly pleased by the Boer successes, are regarded by the major portion of the community.

The Pall Mall Gazette to-day editorially declares that such men as Messrs. Courtney, Bryan-Roberts and Lloyd-George ought to be put in Coventry and be not spoken to by any self-respecting Englishman. The expedient, severe as it is, is likely to meet with approval in all quarters, not excluding the moderate liberal journals. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, does not escape criticism for tacitly permitting his alleged followers to take up such an avowedly anti-British attitude.

NICARAGUA CANAL.
In view of the events in South Africa, it is scarcely surprising that the public do not take a burning interest in the Nicaragua canal, in spite of the United States cable despatches, which break the records for length and seriousness. The London Times correspondent makes a passionate comparison between the present state of affairs and that which existed at the time of the Venezuela dispute, and bitterly arraigns President McKinley and the senate.

Lord Pauncefoot has not yet called a word to the foreign office, which, only heard of the vote on the D. W. amendment through the Associated Press. Such pessimistic and indignant cable messages as most of the London dailies are receiving from their United States correspondents find no responsive echo in Downing Street, where deprecation is freely expressed of these cable efforts to apprise the British public of how badly the senate is alleged to be treating their government. The foreign office officials, while expecting the treaty to be amended, were frankly surprised at the size of the majority, which served more than anything else to open their eyes to the fact that there was no truth in the cable statements that the railroads' interests were seriously jeopardized for the opposition, or that the irrational jingoism had suddenly become epidemic in the United States. There exists in the foreign office an appreciation of the United States' objections to building a canal and not be allowed to fortify it. "Yet, at the same time," to quote an official, "we don't see why the treaty which we made with the people whom we believed to be the responsible representatives of the United States should be treated so cavalierly by the senate. We do not regard the present issue as of any great importance, for we doubt if the Nicaragua canal will ever be a paying institution, and whoever builds it, it will be of little use to Britain, either in peace or war. What we do regret is the apparent helplessness of making treaties with a country whose senate takes such opposite views to those it empowers to act in its behalf. There seems to be an impression in the United States that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was secured by the shrewdness of the British representative, and gave Britain an unfair advantage. That view has never existed here—in fact, rather the reverse. However, we shall not bother our heads till the senate finishes its labors and we receive the result through the diplomatic channels. We are anxious to know what the United States really intend to do, and what is the absurd surprise which we do. However, the Clayton-Bulwer treaty worked satisfactorily for years, and as new treaties seem to cause dissensions in the United States, maybe it is just as well if we are obliged to."

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Her Voyage

Starts on her Passage to Yokohama After Many Troubles

Heavy Gale of Yesterday Delays the Local Steamer Fleet

Steamer Alpha has resumed her voyage. She sailed yesterday morning as soon as all her crew were on board—and Engineer Gordon, who, because of his desertion, has been condemned to languish in duress vile for ten weeks, was replaced in the engine room by W. Matthews, of Vancouver, who before taking the position as chief engineer of the Alpha, was engineer at the Vancouver electric light power house. A second engineer was secured from the Sound, to replace the other deserting engineer, and seamen were picked up in several quarters. Two were left behind, not getting down to the wharf until the steamer was far off towards the Race.

While here in the midst of her troubles, the steamer almost had the insurance on her cargo cancelled—the vessel itself is not insured. The agent of the underwriters came over, but on finding that the trouble had not arisen out of the fact that the vessel was leaking, as then thought, took no steps in the matter. The cargo of the Alpha, which is consigned by Jin and Tamura, is the first full steamer load that had been sent across.

It is unlikely that the Alpha will come back to this coast from the Orient, for it is understood steps will be taken to sell her there, and failing that, to put her into trade on the China coast. On this side, the troubles pending against her, owing to her cargo Nemo trip, limit her sphere of action. She is now 37 years of age, having been built in 1863 on the Clyde. She has a tonnage of 653 tons gross, 514 tons net, is 221.8 feet long, 27.6 feet beam and 14.0 beam. Before being brought from Halifax by Pickford & Black, her previous owners, to engage in the Klondike trade during the rush, she ran from Halifax to the Bermudas.

STORM DELAYS STEAMERS.

Vessels Detained on Account of the Violence of Yesterday's Gale.

The storm signals have flown from the mast on the post office munny days this past week. Yesterday both cylinder and inverted cone were hoisted, and at night two white lights showed above each other, in order that mariners might be warned of the heavy southeast gale, which then prevailed. Although no damage was done as far as could be learned last night, other than grounding and crossing telephone and telegraph lines, breaking windows and fences, the storm had the effect of greatly delaying shipping. The Charmer was an hour late, having had a most stormy trip, made mer being in evidence everywhere on the steamer while rounding Ten-mile point. The Yosemite and City of Nantima were detained much longer. They arrived off James Island at 2 p.m. and

anchored there until this morning. The Utopia went out at 9:30 a.m., but only got as far as Trial Island, when she returned with a sea-sick crowd on board. She will go out this morning at 9:30. The Rosalie did not leave Seattle until midnight. D. G. S. Quadra, which arrived at Vancouver from the North, did not resume her voyage to Victoria, owing to the storm.

TO RECOVER FOR REPAIRS.
Action to Be Taken by the Victoria Machinery Depot Against Steamer Mabel.

On Thursday, December 27, an action for the recovery of \$325 for repair work and supplies for the little steamer Mabel which in June last was brought down from Texada Island by her then captain for repairs, will come before the Admiralty court. The action against the steamer is being taken by Messrs. Bodwell & Duff, on account of the Victoria Machinery Depot, in whose hands the steamer was for repairs from June 15 to June 23. While the steamer was here her master, Capt. Brocht, disappeared, and since then no trace of him has been found. No reason could be assigned for the disappearance of the master.

THE 'FRISCO STEAMERS.
City of Puebla to Be Extensively Repaired—Senator Arrives and Umatilla Sails South.

Steamer Senator came in to the outer wharf yesterday morning, and after

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landing her freight and passengers for Victoria, proceeded up the Sound. She had a rough trip up.

Steamer Umatilla sailed last night for the South. The passengers who embarked here were Mrs. Calloun, Mrs. G. McCobb, G. and B. Mortimer, A. M. Johnson and wife, Mrs. A. R. Cameron, H. N. Stephen, Misses Waterman, Miss B. Moyes, E. R. Pyke, J. W. Hay, S. Savage and J. W. Durbie.

The steamer City of Puebla, in whose place the Senator comes, has gone to Seattle, where she is to be docked at Moran's yard for extensive repairs. New boilers are to be put in, and the vessel is to be thoroughly overhauled.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamers Amur and Willapa are due from the North, and steamer Queen City from the West Coast.

Schooner Defiance arrived at Sydney on December 11, and the Thistle at Fremantle on the same date, both from Vancouver with lumber cargoes. Steamer Charmer had a large cargo, last night. She had one car of coal oil, one car of nails, two cars of sundries, thirty tons of Japanese oranges and five tons of tea, ex-Empress of India, as well as much general cargo.

Bark Behring has arrived at San Francisco from Petropavlovsk with the seal take of the North American Commercial Company on the Copper islands. She reports the seizure of three Japanese sealing schooners, details of whose capture have already been given in the Colonist.

The Marine Engineers' Association was re-organized at a meeting held in the Five Sisters' block last night. The Association had been allowed to lapse since 1896. There were about twenty present at the meeting, which was adjourned until next Saturday evening, when officers will be elected.

The Finest made—Martell's Three Star Brandy.

THE STORM.
The Wind Last Evening Registered as High as Sixty Miles an Hour.

Enquiries at the meteorological office have elicited the following information regarding the present severe storm: On Friday morning an extensive storm appeared off the Washington coast, which instead of moving inland, as is usual at this season of the year, travelled rapidly southward to California, where it spread across the state and caused heavy gales and torrential rains, already reported in these columns. By Friday night the terrific weather reports, when entered on the chart, indicated the presence of another extensive storm centred off Vancouver Island. Early Saturday morning storm signals for an east to south gale were displayed here and at Vancouver. By 10 a.m. the wind here had reached a velocity of 30 miles an hour; from this time throughout the day the velocity increased until towards evening and during the night the self-recording wind instrument registered gusts of from 50 to 60 miles an hour. His gale was general over the Gulf, Sound Straits and down the coast to Northern Oregon.

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The Place Of Worship

Order of Choral Services and Subjects of To-day's Sermons.

Announcements Made by the Pastors of the City Churches.

Rev. Canon Beaulieu will preach at Christ Church cathedral this morning, and in the evening the Bishop will occupy the pulpit and officiate at confirmation services. The choral numbers are:

MORNING.
Voluntary—"Andante in G" ... Smart Venite.
Psalm for the Day ... As Set Te Deum ... Onkeley Benedictus ... Baraby Kyrie ... Bridgewater Hymns 50, 517, 51.
Voluntary—"Fantasia" ... Spark

EVENING.
Voluntary—"Andante in E Minor" ... Batiste Pro. Hymn 270.
Magnificat ... Smart Hymns 297, 157, 349.
Rec. Hymn 271.
Voluntary—"Festal March" ... Calkin

There will be morning prayer at 11 and evening at 7, at St. John's church, the rector, Rev. Percival Jenks, being the preacher at both services. The musical arrangements are as follows:

MORNING.
Organ—"If With All Your Hearts" ... Mendelssohn Hymns 537, 53, 633.
Organ—"Processional March in F" ... Simper

EVENING.
Organ—"May No Rash Intruder" ... Handel Hymns 542, 50, 437.
Organ—"Communion in E Flat" ... Batiste After evensong the third of the Advent series of organ recitals will be given, as follows:

Organ Solo—"Festal Offertoire in G" ... Richmond Mr. A. Longfield.
Soprano Solo—"The Berle Cito" ... Adams Miss Jameson.
Organ Solo—"Jerusalem the Golden" ... Spark
Bass Solo—"The Star of Bethlehem" ... Adams
Violin Solo—"Meditation" ... Schubert Violin Solo—"The Berle Cito" ... Schuber Contralto Solo—"Eye Hath Not Seen" ... Gaul Miss Armstrong.
Violin obligato, Mr. Jesse Longfield.
Organ Solo—"Vesper March" ... Bonheur Mr. Jesse A. Longfield.

The services in St. James' church will be: Morning prayer with sermon by the Bishop of Columbia, at 11; evensong with sermon by the Rev. John Grundy, at 7. The usual services will be held at the other Anglican churches.

The services at St. Barnabas' church are: Holy eucharist, 11; choral evensong, 7 p.m. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher. The musical portion is as follows:

MORNING.
Voluntary—"I Waited for the Lord" ... Mendelssohn Hymns 193, 317, 108.

Communion Service ... Simper, in G. Voluntary—"Meditation" ... Mendelssohn

EVENING.
Voluntary—"Romance in F" ... Richmond Hymns 53, 469, 12, 463.
Voluntary—"Blessed is He" ... Grand

At the Reformed Episcopal church, Bishop Cridge will preach in the morning on "Praying Always," and Dr. Wilson in the evening, on "Behold, He Cometh."

At the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor, services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning subject is "The Essential to Salvation," and evening subject, "The Wise Choice: Moses Made." Sunday school and Bible classes is held at 2:30; prayer meeting at 10 a.m. Junior Endeavor at 10 a.m., and Senior Endeavor at 8 p.m. At St. Andrew's church, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, minister, public worship will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. A. B. Winchester, who leaves this week for his new labors in Toronto, will conduct the evening subject, Sabbath school will meet at 2:30 and Bible class at 3 p.m. The musical follows:

MORNING.
Organ—"Dianason Prelude" ... Duncan Psalm 78.
Anthem—"Awake! Put on Strength" ... Callcott Hymns 9, 178, 90.
Organ—"Grand Chorus" ... Dubois EVENING.
Organ—"The Pilgrims' Chorus" ... Wagner Psalm 90.
Anthem—"All Thy Works Praise Thee O Lord" ... Simper Hymns 70, 132.
Song—"The New Kingdom" ... Tours Mr. W. H. Barton.
Organ—"Prelude and Fugue" ... Bach

At Calvary Baptist church, pastor, Rev. J. F. Vieher, M.A.; services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning subject is "The Value of Intention," and evening subject, "A Miracle explained." Sunday school and Bible class will be held at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J. G. Hastings, M.A., will preach at both services at Emmanuel church, his morning subject being, "Choosing Sides," a sermon for children; and evening, "The Stranger on the Throne."

The usual services will be held in the Congregational church, Temperance hall, Pandora street, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and will be conducted by Rev. David Reid, the pastor pro tem. Sunday school and Bible class is held in the afternoon at 2:30, and the Y. P. S. C. E. meets at 8:15 after the evening service. At the morning service the pastor in charge will be assisted by his father, Rev. Dr. Reid. The subject of the sermon is, "The Christ of the Scriptures."

At the Universal Brotherhood, 28 Broad street, Williams block, a public lecture will be given at 8:15 p.m., the subject being "Action." An afternoon class for children is held at 2:30 o'clock.

"Conquering Self for Christ" is the subject for the morning sermon by Rev. E. S. Rowe, at the Metropolitan Methodist church. "The Pauper and the Publican," the subject for his evening sermon. Rev. W. H. Barradough will preach in the morning at the Centennial church, and in the evening exchange



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pulpits with Rev. J. D. P. Knox, of Victoria West. The usual services will be held in the other Methodist churches, and Sunday school will be held in all at 2:30.

Christian Science service will be held at 87 Pandora street, at 7 p.m., the subject being, "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

ON A SAILING VESSEL.
Deserting Quartermaster-Sergeant of the R. C. R. Shipped as Sailor on Grain Ship.
Late Quartermaster-Sergeant Harris, who deserted from the R. C. R. after stealing mess funds and clothing, forging the colonel's name to a check and otherwise misconducting himself, is now on the bounding billows of the Pacific, an able seaman of a sailing vessel which sailed a little over a week ago from Tacoma with grain for England. Nothing was done to secure the apprehension of the deserting quartermaster, although it was known that he was in employment.

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THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

We print elsewhere to-day the report of the sub-committee appointed by the general committee on the South African Memorial. This report was adopted by the general committee and will be recommended to the public meeting on Tuesday night. We also print a picture showing what the proposed memorial will be like, and we think the whole effect will be such as will commend the plan to the citizens. Unless there are some objections to the proposal, which have not as yet been suggested, and shall prove on investigation to be insurmountable, it would be well to decide upon this plan and proceed forthwith to give effect to it.

The committee were influenced in recommending the proposed structure by many considerations. It was felt that the memorial ought to be something substantial; that it ought to be in a public place; that it should be on a scale in keeping with its environment; that it ought to have an element of utility about it; that it should be, if possible, of a character such as would lead it to become an object of frequent reference; that it should be permanent, and that it should not be too costly. The proposed "Paardeberg Gate" seems to meet all these requirements, and it is not until one has undertaken to work out the many excellent suggestions that have been made that the difficulty of selecting one that would do so is apparent.

The Mayor has written a letter, which we print, asking for a large attendance at Tuesday's meeting, and we feel confident that there will be a fitting response.

BOARD OF TRADE REPORT.

The annual report of the British Columbia Board of Trade is out. It contains the usual variety of interesting and useful matter, and in addition 28 pages, beautifully illustrated, devoted to Victoria. The edition is 4,000, and every copy has been spoken for. The portion devoted to this city has been printed in separate form, and a copy in a handsome hand-printed satin cover is to be sent by His Worship the Mayor to Her Most Gracious Majesty, with the request that she will receive it on behalf of the far Western city which bears her name. It makes an exceptionally attractive little book, and we believe that if a large number of copies of it were printed and widely circulated in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, great good would result. Very much credit is due to Mr. Elworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, for his good taste and judgment in preparing this Victoria booklet.

SOME PLAIN WORDS.

There is too much drinking and fast living among the young men of British Columbia. That sort of thing does not pay financially, morally nor physically. There is a great deal of talk here about good investments, but a little the worst investment a young man can make is in dissipation. If only the financial loss were involved, it would be bad enough, but there is a loss of mental force, of moral dignity and of physical stamina. We live in a country of magnificent possibilities. Young men, who are growing up here, ought to take time to think how they are preparing themselves for the future in which they will take part. We are speaking only of their future in this country, leaving any other future for the churches to talk about. We want to put the question of individual righteousness on a commercial plane.

In the first place the youth, who attempts to crowd a maximum of dissipation to the first few years of his manhood, is exhibiting the rankest kind of folly. It is quite true that a man can only be young once, but if he has good sense that "once" may last until he is grey-headed. The worst of all losses is loss of capacity for enjoyment, and it is the inevitable result of dissipation. There are hundreds of broken-down men of

forty and fifty, which are the ages at which a man ought to be at his best in every way. "Rejoice, young man, in the strength of thy youth," said a very wise king, "but remember that you must take the consequences." That is not just the way he put it, but that is what he meant.

In the next place, the idea has been long exploded that it is possible to combine business success with the unrestrained indulgence of appetite. There may occasionally be an instance where this has been done, just as there are instances where almost every law of nature has been set at defiance with impunity. But let no young man start out with the idea that he is going to be an exceptional case. The chances are a hundred to one against him. Keep yourself under control. If you have been unfortunate enough to go too far, bring yourself up with a sharp pull. Never mind what other people say. You take care of yourself. No one else will. If you allow excess to get the better of you, you will soon cease to be a "good fellow," and those whom you do not care to offend by abstinence will regard you as a nuisance. There is many a man, who thinks he is bravely keeping up the reputation for being a good fellow, but is regarded by those, whose approval he strives to gain, as over the line which separates a companion from a nuisance.

Another thing to be borne in mind is, that by dissipation young men lose all the advantages with which they start out in life. Our Western cities are too new to afford many examples, but all the Eastern cities can show hundreds of instances where city-bred boys, with all the advantages which recognized position, financial backing, good address and valuable connections give, have made a failure of life because they gave up too much of their time and energy to the vices of the cities. They were crowded out by the youths from the country, who came into the field of competition animated by the old-fashioned virtues of temperance, chastity and industry. So common is this, that it is said that the personnel of many Eastern business communities changes with every generation, so far as families go. Father is not succeeded by son, but in hundreds of cases the son of the leading business man is the employee of the country boy, who came to town with his country manners and hardly a dollar in his pocket. Any man of considerable Eastern acquaintance can cite plenty of cases of this kind. There is necessarily not so much competition in British Columbia between the country young men and the city young men, but these are competition between vigorous newcomers and the boys born and bred here, and unless the latter have a care they will be pushed aside. Competition is going to be exceedingly keen in British Columbia. The prizes to be striven for are the greatest in all Canada. Our own boys must not handicap themselves with habits of dissipation if they hope to win.

While we have spoken these very plain words, we wish to add that there are right here in Victoria and in other cities and towns of this province a class of youths from whom Canada will hear in the near future, splendid types of manhood, who are living correct, manly lives—young fellows whom it is a pleasure to meet and whose cheery greeting on the street makes one feel proud to know them. We have amongst us some of the finest young fellows in the world, and the only application which this article has to them is to encourage them to continue in their present course. They have the world at their feet, and we wish them God-speed.

We have also a word for men of maturer years. The force of example is extremely potent, but this is not what we wish to speak about. Men of experience should encourage younger men in habits of sobriety. We are all to some extent our brothers' keepers, especially our younger brothers. Let all of us, who have learned by observation or experience how hard is the way of the young man, who transgresses the laws of Nature, which are also the laws of God, give those who are growing up around us the benefit of our knowledge. It is a patriotic duty to do so.

The concert arranged by the Philharmonic Society for Tuesday evening next in the Institute Hall will undoubtedly attract a large audience. The programme is excellent. This organization, under the capable leadership of Mr. Austin, has afforded the people of Victoria the opportunity for hearing a great deal of first-class music.

Cape Breton is enjoying a great boom, and evidently it is only fairly begun. Cape Breton is an island in the extreme east of Canada, just as Vancouver is an island in the extreme west. Both have the same resources of coal and iron; but Vancouver has in addition copper and gold, besides being more than five times as large as Cape Breton and possessed of more than a hundred times as much timber. When things first begin to hum here the noise will be heard around the world.

The Nelson Miner takes to task several Conservatives who voted for the Liberal candidate. The Conservatism of a man who votes against the candidate of his party is more apparent than real. We are inclined to think that a great many people in this province, who have been calling themselves Conservatives, belong to this class. We raise no objection to men voting exactly as they see fit; but they should not hold themselves out as belonging to a party which they do not propose to support.

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filled the number of Liberals will be brought up to thirty. If, as is proposed, six new senators are appointed, the government will have a practical majority, although short of a numerical majority. Several senators are unable to attend the sessions regularly, through advanced age or other causes, so that thirty-five or thirty-six will almost always be a majority. The Redistribution bill was defeated by thirty-six votes out of fifty. The actual membership of the senate is eighty, but if six new appointments are made the number will be eighty-six, and forty-four will be needed for an actual majority.

The only inconsiderate thing laid to the charge of Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken is that he has taken this festive season to get sick. Next to Santa Claus, the genial "Harry" has been prominent at such times. May he soon be himself again.

Dewar's force must be steadily becoming weaker, and there cannot be much delay in his being compelled to give up. His northward retreat has so far been a brilliant piece of work, but it has been accomplished at heavy loss.

If the report brought from China by the Rev. Mr. Jaffray is correct, the powers are spending their time to very little purpose. We fear they are doing so under any circumstances, and that the attention of the world will be more closely concentrated on the Orient next year than ever.

There was a young fellow hanged in Ontario a few days ago for killing a girl. He felt so sorry for having said something to her that he killed her. He said he meant to have killed himself also. Fool-like, he began the job at the wrong end. If he had killed himself first, the girl would be still alive, and this country would have been saved the expense of hanging him.

A Colonist reader called yesterday morning to express his hearty commendation of the reference in these columns to matters affecting the public health, and to ask that we should direct attention to the horrible stench arising from the old bridge on Government street, near the Taylor Mill Company's premises. The mill is not responsible for this in any way, the offensive odor being due to the fact that houses are connected with an open drain. This caller had only left the office when another came in to ask that, while we are about it, we would say something about the smell which arises from the foot of Johnson street. We do as requested, and shall continue at intervals to prod the authorities up in regard to these nuisances until remedies have been provided. Victoria must get out of its casual way of doing things.

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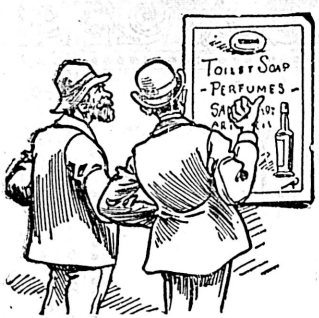
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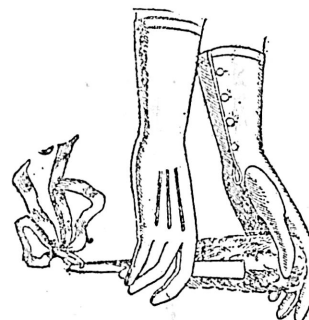
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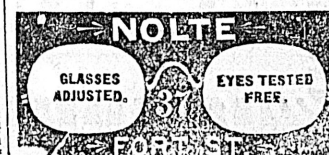
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10:00 p.m.	9.0 feet.
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Members Supplied.—Copies of the annual report of the board of trade have been mailed to the members. Any member not receiving a copy is requested to communicate with the secretary.

Owners Wanted.—Two ladies' umbrellas left in the city hall after the meeting of the Local Council of Women on Monday last may be obtained by the owners on application to the janitor.

A Victoria Composer.—Mr. G. J. Burnett's "Abide With Me" has been issued in sheet form by Weekes & Co., of London. This is a very beautiful sacred song for contralto or mezzo-soprano, and merits a large sale.

Trading Stamp Tax.—Informations have been laid against three retail dealers, charging them with refusing to pay their tax of \$16 for the privilege of giving away trading stamps during December. The cases will come up on Thursday at the same time as the case against the company.

Piano Recital.—The pupils of Miss B. F. Smith and Miss M. M. Sill gave a recital yesterday afternoon, at Miss Smith's studio, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The pupils acquitted themselves creditably. Misses Smith and Sill also played a number of selections.

Returned the Call.—Rear-Admiral Bickford and his staff, consisting of Capt. Keppel, Lieut. Knox and Mr. R. C. Baker, secretary, yesterday returned the official call of Mayor Hayward and were shown through the different departments of the city hall, including the police and fire departments, by His Worship.

For the Butcher.—"Billy, the Kingston sheep," is to go the way of all mutton. For many years Billy was the pet of the crew of the ill-fated Sound passenger steamer City of Kingston and served a useful purpose, leading the bands of sheep brought from the Sound on and off the steamer. After the wreck of the Kingston, he was shifted from one steamer to another, until Friday, when he made his last trip to Victoria, to be landed over to a local butcher.

Successful Sale.—On Friday last a sale of work in aid of St. Mark's church was held in the Tolmie school. The Bishop of Columbia, in opening the sale, congratulated the ladies who had so generously contributed such a display of useful articles. The sale was well attended, and at the close of the day quite a handsome sum was realized. The following ladies were stallholders: Mrs. Goodwin, Miss Miller and Miss R. E. Maynard, assisted by Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Hughes. Refreshments were ably dispensed by Mrs. Roskelly, Mrs. Richards and others. Mrs. Peter, as usual, was very successful at her candy stall.

Promenade Concert.—The Fifth Regiment band promenade concert at the Drill hall last evening was an unequalled success, the selections by the band being greatly enjoyed. Mr. Frank Leroy's singing of "Little Black Me" received a well-deserved encore. Mr. North's rendition of "Pinaud's," "Queen of the Earth," was well received, and an encore demanded was responded to by playing and singing "Louisiana Lize." Another excellent programme is in preparation for next Saturday evening, on which occasion the extra attraction will be a prize cake-walk between Mr. and Miss Bruno and Messrs. Gledemister and Carroll, and vocal solos by the Misses Ethel and Florence Scott.

Voters' Lists.—The city clerk's office has received the proofs of the municipal voters' list for 1901. The Mayor's signature, according to the requirement of the statute, will be affixed on Monday next—the third Monday in December. The following number of voters appear on the list: For mayor, 3,760; for aldermen, 4,427, divided as follows: North Ward, 2,191; Central Ward, 1,019; South Ward, 1,226. Last year the total number for mayor was 3,723, and for aldermen 4,343, divided as follows: North Ward, 2,116; Central Ward, 1,033; South Ward, 1,194. The number of householders who registered is less this year than last, the figures being 516 and 508. The elections will be held on Thursday, January 17, and the nominations on the second Monday in January. This is the latest date at which the elections will be held.

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To Be Fought
In This City

Action Commenced to Decide the Ownership of Deadman's Island.

History of the Case Which Has Played a Part in Politics.

During the present week an interesting case arising out of the title to certain lands will be tried in the Supreme court sitting here. Its issues have ranged far beyond the matter of the twenty acres or less that make up the little islet in Burrard Inlet known by the unpleasantly suggestive name of Deadman's Island. From the outset it figured in political affairs, and while, as a party question, it raged hottest in Vancouver, where municipal and every other sort of election for some time was affected by the Deadman's Island question—so much so that a seat on the school board or the office of poundkeeper depended upon the candidates' pronouncement of this shibboleth—it also found far wider sphere for its ultimate result. Cabinet changes hinged on the matter. Governments, too, fell before its insignificance, and at least one great political leader found retirement through so small an affair as this.

The history of the matter is a short one. Theodore Ludgate obtained a lease of the island from the Dominion government as a mill site. But putting it to such a use threatened to spoil some of the scenery at the Terminal City, so when his workmen began to clear it an injunction was obtained from Mr. Justice Martin, and the American lumberman was cast into jail. This was at the instance of the then provincial government, who put forth a claim to the property involved, and over a difference of opinion on the matter Mr. Joseph Martin resigned the office of attorney-general in its cabinet. The injunction still stands, and now the matter of the title to the island is about to be adjudicated upon.

At an early stage in the proceedings of the suit, the Dominion government were, at their own request, added as co-defendants with Mr. Ludgate in the case, and while that gentleman is of course represented, the legal fight is one between the Provincial and Dominion governments, each claiming the property at stake.

On behalf of the Dominion government it is claimed that Deadman's island, together with Stanley park, is a military reserve, created by the late Col. Moody as chief commissioner of lands and works in the old crown colony days of 1860-65. Also that it never passed out of the control of the Imperial government until after confederation, being by them transferred to the Dominion authorities as late as 1885.

On the other hand, the provincial government disputes the creation of such a reserve, whether for military or any other purpose, upon the ground of its legal authority, etc. The claim is also made that under the N. A. Act all public property, with certain exceptions, of which this is not one, became the property of the province; that at this time it is impossible to tell for what purpose such a reserve was created, if it ever were created; and that, having regard to the manner with which reserves of land have been dealt with in this province, it cannot in any case be said that either the island or the park were finally devoted and set apart in such a way as to bring them within the language of the act.

Because of the many public documents and officials required at the trial, which will, it is expected, be of considerable length, a change of venue has been ordered from Vancouver to this city. Of the counsel engaged, Messrs. Bodwell & Duff will appear for the province; Messrs. Peters and Howay for the Dominion; and Mr. D. G. Macdonell for Mr. Ludgate.

City Police Court.—The attendance at Magistrate Hall's levee yesterday was not as large as it has been on other days of this week. The two boys, Norman Davis, charged with being in possession of burglar's tools, and James Bates, of being in possession of goods stolen from Mr. Malby, were dismissed, the former, as he is not responsible, and the latter, because of his tender years. Julia Moore was fined \$20 for assaulting Daisy Williams, and Dan Cullen, \$2.50 for being drunk. A Chinaman, arrested with a pair of new lacrosse shoes in his possession, was formally charged with being in possession of stolen goods and remanded until Monday. On the inside of the shoes are the initials W.F.C.

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FROM 5:30 TO 8 P. M.
SOUP—Ox Tail, Cream Tomato.
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ENTREES—Lamb Chops, Breaded, au Petit Poles; Fried Calves' Brains; Banana Fritters.
ROAST—Sirloin Beef and Brown Potatoes; Hind-Quarter Lamb, Mint Sauce; Spring Chicken, with Ham and Bread Sauce.
DESSERT—English Plum Pudding, with Brandy Sauce; English Apple Pie; Compote of Strawberries; Plum Pie; Lemon Cream Pie.

Borne to the Grave.—Mrs. Edmond Lince was buried yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Wilson conducted the services, and the pall-bearers were Messrs. Martin, Warren, Walter, Noble, Grayson and Thompson.

Santa Claus, on his way down from the North, halted his reindeer in front of M. R. Smith & Co.'s Ltd., and loaded with candies of all kinds, part of which he distributed at his headquarters on Government street yesterday. This accounts for the numerous pleasant-looking countenances on the little people who swarmed the city.

The many handsome and useful articles displayed at Weiler's this season are the admiration of all. Just drop in and look around. You are not asked to buy.

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SPORTING NEWS.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The championship football match between Victoria and Vancouver came off to-day in the rain, and the teams, who played the fastest and most furious game of the season, were almost unrecognizable with the bespattered mud upon their clothes and faces. The game was a forward one throughout, and Victoria's forwards did more effective work than the forwards of the home team, but the swift Vancouver half-backs nullified this so that the result of the game was a tie—6 all.

In the first half Vancouver secured two tries, and in the second half Victoria secured two tries. No goals were made.

The visitors were entertained by the home team this evening.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Victoria Plays Two Men Short and Is Defeated by the R. A.

The Association football game between the Royal Artillery and Victoria resulted in a win for the former by three goals to none. Noot, Livingstone and Jones failed to put in an appearance for Victoria. A substitute was found to play in goal, and the game was played throughout with Victoria two men short. The high wind which prevailed and the slippery state of the sod rendered good play an impossibility. The Garrison kicked off against the wind, and the ball was carried in the Victoria goal, but

Hook, who was playing in Schwengers' position (the latter and W. Lorimer playing Rugby in Vancouver) cleverly saved. However, the Garrison were determined to score, and a few moments later their forwards rushed the ball through Victoria's goal. After this the ball was kept in Victoria's goal-mouth for some time, and but for the splendid play of Victoria's two half-backs—Johnson and Rutherford—several more goals would have been added to the Garrison score. Sam Lorimer now gained possession of the ball, and, with the assistance of his brother, J. Lorimer, worked the leather into the Garrison's goal. However, the right full-back robbed him in the nick of time, and, passing the ball down to Foley, the latter neatly dribbled down and centred. Connors met the ball and passed to Williams; the latter passed it back to the centre player, and he shot a pretty goal. Half time now arrived.

On resuming play, Victoria's nine men went away with a dash. Simpson and York on several occasions had hard lines in not scoring. Foley received the leather and raced down the wing, but Goward and Hook stopped the combined rush of the Garrison's forwards. Johnson gained possession of the ball and cleverly evaded a number of the Garrison players; he worked his way towards the Garrison goal, and with a beautiful shot nearly lowered the Garrison's colors. However, the goal-keeper was in the right place, and the ball was sent up the field again. Williams raced down, but Goward stepped in and drove the ball up to York. The latter evaded the Garrison's backs and took a shot at goal, but again the ball was returned

up the field, and after several good shots by the Garrison's forward, the centre scored a pretty goal with a "daisy cutter." After this York raced away and passed to S. Lorimer, and he drove the ball into the Garrison's goal-mouth, but the left full-back sent the ball up the field to Foley. Goward, who was playing a magnificent game, robbed Foley of the leather and returned the ball well up field. A few minutes later the whistle sounded for full time, with the Garrison leading by 3 goals to 0. Foley and Williams played a splendid game for the Garrison; while Johnson, Hook, Goward and Rutherford played a hard game for the losers. Both goal-keepers deserve great credit for the many fine saves they made.

The Junior League game between the South Park and Victoria West schools was played in a gale of wind yesterday afternoon. In the first half the Victoria West boys had the wind in their favor, and they made the most of it. The South Park defence was severely tried, but it was equal to the test. Time after time Finlaison and Thompson stopped the rush of the opposing forwards. At half time no goals had been scored. The second half was almost a repetition of the first. The ball was kept at one end of the field nearly all the time, for the team playing against the wind was forced to play a strictly defensive game. The South Park forwards could not get past the Victoria West backs, Muir and Tait. Towards the end the play was fast and furious. The South Park team made desperate efforts to score, but the defense was too good. When time was called no goals

Tait, Muir and Campbell played a good had been scored. For Victoria West, zander, and for South Park, Finlaison, Thompson and Peden were most prominent.

Owing to the heavy wind, the game between the Navy and Columbia teams at the Caledonia grounds yesterday was not so exciting as usual, but nevertheless a very interesting game was played, and when the whistle blew for time neither of the teams had scored a point.

GOOD ROADS.

Delegates From the Mainland Arrive to Attend Meeting Here.

President Frank J. Deane of the Good Roads Association arrived last evening from Kamloops. With him were Messrs. George W. Beche, of Agassiz, A. J. Palmer, of Salmon Arm, and several others, whose numbers will be swelled by the arrival to-morrow of quite a number of good roads advocates from the Mainland. Mr. Deane stated that to-morrow's meeting of the general association intended primarily to perfect the good roads organization of British Columbia. Already numerous local organizations had been formed. In place after place the matter had been most enthusiastically taken up, and it was the hope of the association that in time this province, following in the footsteps of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, would have an official good roads instructor, whose duty it would be to discuss good road making throughout the various districts of the province. At the initial meeting of the promoters

of this movement, held at Kamloops last September, a large attendance marked the occasion. At that time Vancouver Island was exceptionally well represented, and so the present meeting bids fair to be a large one and fructify of the best results.

SPORTING NOTES.

New York, Dec. 15.—Elkes and McFarland won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden to-night by a wheel's length, Pierce and McEachran second.

CHESS.

Results of the Seventh Week's Play in the Tournament.

The following is the result of games in the Robins chess tournament up to last night:

	Won.	Lost.	Percent.
Gonnason, A.	18	1	94%
Hunter, G.	11½	3½	76-23
Piper, T. H.	9	4	69
McKenzie, C. C.	12½	6½	66-33
Hands, Dr.	6	7	50-50
Gibson, A. F.	11	7	61
Marchant, W.	9½	6½	59-40
Michell, Capt.	17	13	56-43
Meyer, J. T.	15½	12½	55
Williams, B.	11½	11½	50
Perry, B. J.	11	11	50
Lombard, C. A.	8	11	42
Sutton, W. J.	9½	14½	39½
Innes, A. S.	9½	14½	39½
Hurst, B. H.	11½	21½	35
Wilmer, F. L.	8½	15½	35
Rhodes, C. W.	6	2	33½
Johnston, P. T.	4½	21½	17
W. Allott having withdrawn from the			

tournament before completing all his games all games played with him by his previous opponents, either won or lost, are hereby cancelled, as null and void.

Following is the drawing for the week ending Saturday, December 22: G. Hunter plays H. H. Hurst; B. Williams plays A. S. Innes; W. Marchant plays Dr. Hands; T. H. Piper plays A. Gonnason; C. C. McKenzie plays C. A. Lombard; B. J. Perry plays T. L. Wilmer; C. W. Rhodes plays J. T. Meyer; A. F. Gibson plays Capt. Michell; W. T. Sutton plays P. T. Johnston.

FEDERATED SOCIETIES.

Mass Meeting Will Be Held in A. O. U. W. Hall To-day.

A mass meeting of the Federated Secret Societies will be held at the A. O. U. W. hall today at 2:15 p.m., to receive the report of the officers of the Federated Board, and to discuss the question of hospital accommodation, and the extension of medical benefits to the families of members. Rev. Mr. Barber will give the opening address and the Rev. Dr. Wilson will conduct the closing exercises. Ladies are invited, and members of all societies, whether insurance or benefit.

Victoria Aerle, No. 12, Fraternal Order of Eagles, held an exceedingly interesting meeting in their hall on Wednesday evening last. Several visitors from adjacent cities were present. The visiting committee reports that all brothers on the sick list were convalescent. Bro. Capt. M. J. Ryan, who has been suffering from a very severe case of fever, causing much solicitude to his many friends and members of this order, is speedily recovering. Bro. H. R. Watson, who has been confined to his bed for three weeks, has almost fully recovered. Bro. Alf. James, of Spokane aerle No. 2, but under the care of this aerle, has had a relapse of la grippe, but is again in a

fair way to recovery. Bro. C. P. Le Veve, who, it will be remembered, attempted to stop a train car by accidentally placing his left navigator beneath the wheels, is now able to be around with the aid of a pair of crutches. Bro. Otto Bahlman, who two weeks ago received injuries by falling from a ladder, will be out in a week. During the evening one candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Eaglesdom. A warrant from the grand president was received appointing Past President Bro. A. W. von Rhein as district deputy grand president for the balance of the term, Bro. E. E. Leeson, the former occupant of this office, having resigned. Under good of the order some interesting short addresses were made by the visiting brethren. Vocal and instrumental music were features, fused with comic songs by the newly initiated Bro. John Rand, who is an entertainer of high order. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the second annual grand gift prize masquerade ball, to be held some time early in the new year, probably on St. Valentine's Night, February 14. By a motion carried unanimously, it was decided to ask the committee who last year brought this function to such a successful issue to act again. It is intended, if possible, that this event shall be on a more elaborate scale than ever before.

DECLINES TO ACT.

Switzerland Will Not Make Any Move to Help Kruger.

Berne, Dec. 15.—M. Mansoni, who introduced the resolution demanding that Great Britain accept arbitration with the Transvaal, announced to-day that the national council declined to act thereon.

In times of peace; in times of war; The favorite drink is Jesse Moore.

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Meetings And Amusements

Programme for the Philharmonic Society Concert on Tuesday Evening.

Other Entertainments Which Are to Be Given This Week.

The Philharmonic Society will inaugurate their fourth season with a grand concert in the Institute hall on Tuesday evening, in which the full chorus and orchestra of seventy-five performers will take part. This society gave its first concert in July, 1898, and since then have been responsible for several orchestra concerts, also being associated in the production of Bennett's "May Queen," and Handel's "Messiah," with full chorus and orchestra. In keeping with the Christmas season, some selected solos and choruses from Handel's "Messiah" will be given, in which the solos will be taken by Mrs. Janion, who will sing "He Shall Feed His Flock," and Mr. A. T. Goward, whose effective tenor voice will be heard in the aria "Comfort Ye," and in the recitative, "Every Valley." Mr. Crane, a bass soloist, will also sing a solo, and a stranger to Victorians, will also render "Thus Saith the Lord," and "Who May Abide." In the second part of the programme several orchestral numbers will be presented, and an event of interest will be the debut in Victoria of a soprano soloist in the person of Mrs. C. Warfield, of Helena, Montana, who has kindly consented to assist the society on this occasion. The admission to this concert will be fifty cents, and reserved seats can be obtained at Lombard's music store. The final rehearsal will take place in the Institute hall to-night, commencing at 7:45 p.m. sharp. The following is the complete programme:

PART I.
"Lieder Ohne Worte" (for strings) Mendelssohn
Selections from "Messiah" Handel
(a) Introduction
(b) Recitative
Aria—"Every Valley"
Mr. A. T. Goward.
(c) Chorus—"Glory of the Lord"
(d) Recitative
Aria—"Who May Abide"
Mr. Crane.
(e) Chorus—"Oh, Thou That Tellest"
(f) Recitative
Aria—"He Shall Feed His Flock"
Mrs. Janion.
(g) Chorus—"Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs"
Our Griefs
(h) Chorus—"Lift Up Your Heads"
During intermission Master J. Rausch will play "The Lost Chord" as a cornet solo, in memory of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan.

PART II.
Overture—"Stradella" Flotow
Soprano Solo—"Lullaby" (Emilie)
Mrs. Goward.
Concerto in G Minor, for piano and orchestra Mendelssohn
Mrs. H. Walshe-Windie.
Soprano Solos (a) "Thine" Bohm
(b) "Separation" Koma
Mrs. Carlos Warfield.
(With violin obbligato).
"Legende" for violin and orchestra
The Crusaders' and a miscellaneous programme will be rendered by Mrs. Goward, Miss Miller, Messrs. Kinnaird and Brown and others.

A service of song will be held in St. Barnabas' church next Thursday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

An entertainment will be given by the Ladysmith Club for the benefit of the Protestant Orphans' Home in the A. O. U. W. hall on Wednesday next at 8 p.m. An attractive programme has been prepared, which, with the nature of the object, ought to ensure a large audience.

Martell's Three Star Brandy is the favorite.

WESTSIDE SANTA CLAUS.
Great Day at the Big Dry Goods Emporium Yesterday.

From 7:30 yesterday morning till 10 o'clock last evening The Westside was literally besieged with children, anxious to pay court to the nursery's mythical hero, Santa Claus, who arrived during Friday night, while the wind was whistling among the chimneys of this city, and every one was in sound repose.

Previous to his coming, Santa Claus kept Manager Hector well posted as to his adventures, etc., which, according to his account, have been both numerous and exciting. Throughout the day the children of the city paid court to their mythical hero in a manner which many actual monarchs might envy. Some idea of the crush in front and in the back fact that in less than half an hour a thousand boxes of candy had been distributed by the grand old man. Many of the children, the admission to the grotto, but none were refused on that account. It is estimated that 3,623 children saw Santa Claus at The Westside yesterday, and over 4,000 boxes of candy were distributed. Santa Claus has announced that he will be at home every day up to Christmas Eve, at his grotto, in The Westside, as he has not been made so comfortable for many years as he now is in the splendid grotto prepared for him by Manager Hector, who is to be congratulated on the treat that he has prepared for the junior population of Victoria.

The windows of The Westside are even more beautiful than usual, and that is saying a great deal, especially one, a "handkerchief window," which represents the figure of Britannia, covered in handkerchiefs, with an electric light burning behind a jewelled crown. The background of this window represents one of Britannia's great outposts, the whole of which is executed in ladies' handkerchiefs.

The Hutchison Company are to be congratulated on having for their window trimmer Mr. Charles Hills, who has already won mention in several of the dry goods journals for his great ability as a window trimmer.

The interior of The Westside store presents a most artistic appearance, and reflects great credit upon Mr. Hills, under whose guiding hand the decorations were carried out.

The panoramic view of "Little Red Riding Hood," being sketched by the children in the grotto, was very ably executed by Manager Hector. The monster Christmas tree, which was placed on the second floor, was a great success, as it won admiration from all. The dip ponds caused great amusement among the little folk, also a little number of whom there were about half a dozen.

Altogether, The Westside had an immense success on this their first Christmas, and the numerous attractions will not fail to attract many thousands to purchase in their store. The management consider that the advertising they have been doing lately on so liberal a scale in the Colonist has to a very great extent helped to bring about their great success.

WHISKEY AND MORPHINE HABITS
Those interested in obtaining a private home treatment, and one which produces permanent cure for these habits, without the knowledge of one's nearest friend, should correspond with Mr. J. G. Dixon, 81 Willock's Street, Toronto, Ont., his new treatment is a simple vegetable medicine, and is guaranteed to destroy the craving for liquor or drugs forever, and tone up the system to the condition it was before the habit began. It is an absolute cure for nervous exhaustion. Indisputable ref-erence to old established manufacturing whole-sale house, \$500 a year, sure pay. Send reference, any bank in any city. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Manufacturers, Third Floor, 334 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

IN HOLIDAY DRESS.
Crowds of People, Young and Old, Went to See and Stayed to Purchase.
Spencer's Arcade drew the crowds yesterday, with the result that tremendous sales were made in toys and seasonal articles, as well as in the more wide-stretching range of every-day stock from which the prudent-minded make by far the greater number of their holiday purchases.

Of course, the chief attraction of the day was the splendid line of bargains, of which, through the advertising columns of the Colonist, the public had been well advised. These reached out into an entirely new field, and that with a most gratifying success. Fancy furniture in a drygoods emporium—but then it was of the highest sort and of the daintiest designs. The easy-chairs, such as so many housekeepers had so long been looking at, went off at wholesale prices and at wholesale speed.

These, however, were but one of the many features of the day's sales. Men's furnishings were round a strong rival. The latest thing in neckties, from which such handsome effects in window and shop-dressing had been obtained, sold with unusual facility. All the novelties of New York and the other cities of fashion were there to be found in neckties, with the nature of the object, ought to ensure a large audience.

Several times during the day the commodious windows were re-draped and

stocked with all the novelties of the season's trade, while throughout the numerous departments elaborate draperies and the flags of all nations, amongst which the Scottish lion and Erin's harp found prominent places, were lavishly used in the most effective of decorations.

If you drink brandy, try Martell's Three Star.

FURTHER PARTICULARS

Of the Properties of the Arctic Slope Company in Ommecca

Owing to want of space, part of the report of the shareholders' meeting of the Arctic Slope Hydraulic Mining Company was crowded out of a previous issue. The report of the president and manager, as well as the report of the hydraulic manager Mr. W. Loveridge, have been published. There were a large number of shareholders present at the annual meeting, and the attendance would have been much larger but for the fact that the meeting was held at an inconvenient hour for many of the businessmen and workmen who are interested in the company.

The president, Hon. F. Peters, submitted the following financial statement, and explained all the transactions with the Ommecca Prospecting Company, the Consolidated Caledonia and Ommecca Syndicate, which resulted in the formation of the present company, with its capital of 1,000,000 shares, 50 per cent. of which goes for the purchase of the properties and 50 per cent. to the treasury.

Receipts.
Treasury shares sold \$16,850.00
Gold recovered 3,335.32
Total \$20,185.32
Liabilities current \$29,139.32
Liabilities guaranteed for Ommecca Consolidated, due May 1 8,750.00
Total \$37,889.32

Expenditure.
Wages, freight, plant and supplies 28,802.55
Provincial government 3,288.00
Ommecca Con. for Nansen Creek claims 8,750.00
Accounts due to contractors 1,341.38
Expense acct. including incorporation fees 697.19
Total \$42,879.12

The assets of the company are as follows:
28 Mineral claims of 80 acres each, 2,440 acres, and 6,000 miners' licenses of water rights \$35,500.
14 1/2 miles of ditch 5,500
Hydraulic plant 2,500
Saw mill 2,500
Saw logs 1,500
Electric light plant and tools 1,500
Opening mine, lumber and buildings 1,450
Supplies on hand 1,805
Accounts as per general statement 1,341
Total \$53,806

As an evidence of the richness of the ground, 290 oz. of silver, 13 oz. of gold, per acre \$4,947.70, have been taken out of less than a quarter of an acre.

In consequence of recovering a considerable quantity of gold during the season of 1899, with crude appliances and in a very limited time, the directors had every reason to expect that, with proper machinery, a large amount of gold would be recovered during the past season. For this reason no special effort was made to sell treasury shares, the policy of the board being to dispose of no more than was required to cover necessary expenses. The machinery was delayed in reaching the mine, and an unexpected frost on the night of the 20th September prevented operations being realized.

In order now to provide for the current liabilities, the directors, with the concurrence of the Ommecca Syndicate and the directors of the Ommecca Consolidated, have decided that 200,000 shares of treasury stock be issued as preference shares, and he was assured by Capt. Black and Mr. Loveridge that the directors were safe in expecting to be in a position to declare a dividend of 50 per cent. on the amount realized from this issue, as well as 50 per cent. on the amount already sold and the amount paid in full to the Ommecca Consolidated.

Arctic Slope shares sold to date \$16,850
Arctic Slope shares now offered as preference shares, realized 24,000
Ommecca Consolidated and Caledonia shares fully paid up 9,882

The chairman asked Messrs. Black and Loveridge to give an account of the work done at the mine during the past season. This was done by means of several large photographs, showing the work in active operation. Several practical questions were asked by the shareholders, all of which were satisfactorily answered by Messrs. Black and Loveridge. The principal points brought up in the discussion were:

1. The abundance of water, the pressure being 255 feet perpendicular from the tank to the pit, and the dump being from 35 to 40 feet. The ditches and flumes are in good condition, and saw-logs and lumber sufficient for many years, and the ground had proved much richer than was expected. The pay-streak began at 100 feet in the gravel, and it is now over 100 feet in bedrock, with a face of over 500 feet exposed. There are now three monitors and pipe at this point. This refers to the Black Jack mine, the channel being at least 1,200 feet wide at this point. Besides the Black Jack, the company are ready at two other points, German and Discovery, for at least four additional monitors, for many of the shareholders expressed themselves as well pleased with the explanations.

The chairman, after referring to the recommendations he had received regarding the qualifications of Mr. Loveridge as an hydraulic miner, stated that in his first report he had always been confident of water to work the Black Jack mine from Manson creek. You have an excellent mine, and one which as soon as you get working properly will surprise even yourselves.

The chairman did not rely altogether upon the statement of the company's officials as to the richness of the claim on Manson creek. Mr. N. C. Sparks, president of the 43rd Mining & Milling Company, Ottawa in his report of his visit to Ommecca, referring to the Arctic Slope, said the amount of gold that they had recovered, considering their facilities and the short time they worked, proved that they had very rich ground, and had not reached bed rock. His visit convinced him that the gold was there and would be forthcoming whenever washing would begin in earnest. Mr. T. R.

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More of the St. Anthony Company, of Santa Barbara, Cal., says the Arctic Slope Company have struck very rich ground on Manson creek. Mr. R. H. Hall, of the Hudson Bay Company, also testifies to the richness of the claims on Manson creek. F. W. Valleen, gold commissioner, states that the richness of the claims have been absolutely demonstrated.

Mr. E. G. Tilton, of the Bread Winner, has stated that the gold now in the ground sluice and sluice boxes will be found to be a very large amount. Many other old-timers who know these claims well, and have worked upon them, speak in the highest terms of them, and have become shareholders in the company, feeling that so far as the ground is concerned, they run no risk whatever.

The properties are capable of great expansion. Additional machinery could be worked with great advantage. It must be gratifying to the shareholders to see from the reports the extent and value of the properties.

The chairman then moved, seconded by Hon. T. R. McInnes, that the report be adopted. Carried.

The resolution adopted at the joint meeting of the representatives of the various companies interested, referring to the basis on which the preferential shares were issued, was read to the meeting.

It was then moved by Capt. C. E. Clarke, seconded by Hon. T. R. McInnes, that this resolution just read be approved of by the shareholders. Carried.

Insist on getting Martell's Three Star Brandy.

Election Protest.—Andrew Fairfull, Thomas Dunn and Magnus Shiga are the names of the electors on behalf of whom Messrs. Gordon Hunter and MacKenzie Cleland filed an election petition at the court house yesterday morning, against the return of Messrs. Prior and Earle to the Canadian House of Commons as representatives for Victoria city.

With the petition the deposit of \$2,000 was also made. The petition sets forth at considerable length all the complaints usually made in these cases, most of which, however, boil down to bribery and corruption, alleged to have been committed either by the candidates or agents of the candidates.

Popular Concert.—In spite of the inclement weather, a fair number attended the popular concert held in Temperance hall. Those who did not go missed a treat, for a splendid programme was given. With the exception of most of the songs, there will be no concert, in order to enable people to do some Christmas shopping, these concerts will be held every week, no matter what the weather is like. Last night's programme was as follows: March by the orchestra; recitation, Mrs. Hale; overture by the orchestra; vocal solo, Mr. Oliver; serenade by the orchestra; song, Mrs. Stainland; remarks by Bro. Lewis; waltz by the orchestra; vocal solo, Mrs. Lowe, with cello obligato by Mr. Parfitt; song and chorus by Mr. Parfitt, and the orchestra; Stanza and Cake Walk, by the orchestra.

Savoy Matinee.—Despite the inclement weather, there was a good attendance at A. O. U. W. hall yesterday afternoon, when the Savoy management gave another enjoyable matinee. The entertainment was opened with a sketch, "Doctor Cure-All," in which several members of the company took part, after which the popular songs, and Borton and Draper and Rand and Bryon gave three sketches which were amusing. Alcedo contributed some novel juggling specialties, Mille, Alcedo was seen in a novel act, Joe Crotty gave some sand dances, and the Leonis concluded the entertainment with a striking act.

Finance and Commerce

DAILY MARKET QUOTATIONS.
(Furnished by B. Williams & Co.)

New York, Dec. 15. The following quotations ruled on the Produce Exchange to-day:
Wheat—
May 78 3/4 79 1/4 78 3/4
Corn—
May 41 3/4 42 1/4 41 3/4
New York, Dec. 15. The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange to-day:
Open. High. Low. Close.
Amn. Sugar 124 126 124 126
Amn. Tob. 108 109 108 109
S. C. C. 99 100 99 100
C. M. & St. P. 131 132 131 132
G. B. & Q. 138 139 138 139
M. S. R. 110 110 110 110
P. & O. 117 117 117 117
R. R. T. 74 74 74 74
A. & S. P. 80 80 80 80
A. S. & W. 45 45 45 45
C. O. 82 82 82 82
L. & N. 81 81 81 81
U. P. 81 82 81 82
U. P. 73 73 73 73
F. C. 52 52 52 52
N. P. 73 73 73 73
N. P. 83 83 83 83
T. C. & L. 69 69 69 69
Money loaning at 5 per cent.

VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Notice is hereby given that after the end of the current term children who live beyond the city limits will not be received as pupils in any of the graded schools of the city, except by special permission from the Board of Trustees.
By order of the Trustees,
FRANK H. EATON, Secretary.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15, 1900.

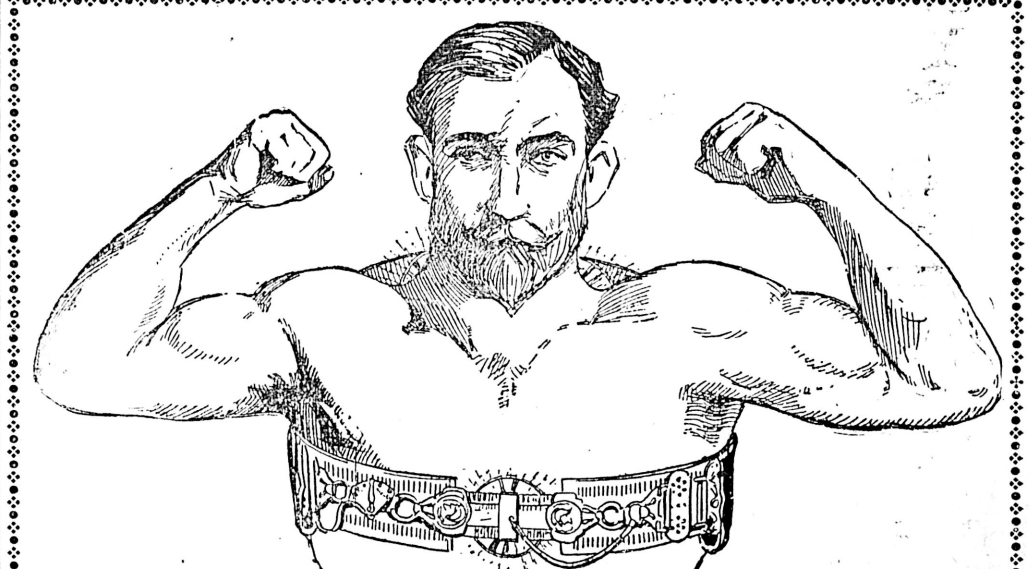
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 15.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.
The barometer is lowest on our coast and is still falling, a storm area of great intensity has prevailed to-day and caused heavy gales along the coast of Vancouver Island, Washington and Oregon. The following wind velocities are reported: Victoria, 41 miles southeast; Fort Canby, 32 miles southwest; and Rosenberg, 22 miles south. Storm warnings for a strong southeast gale were displayed here to-day, and a cautionary signal at Vancouver. The rainfall has not been very heavy and was confined to Washington, Oregon and our own district of the Straits and Sound. Light snow is also reported from Barkerville. Low barometer areas cover this province and the Northwest Territories, and a belt of high barometer extends from California to a northeasterly direction to the Great Lakes.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	48
New Westminster	42	48
Kamloops	42	50
Barkerville	50	32
Calgary	24	44
Winnipeg	24	44
Portland, Ore.	44	54
San Francisco, Cal.	48	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m.—(Pacific time)—Sunday:
Victoria and vicinity: Fresh or strong easterly and southerly winds or gales; unsettled, with rain; not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds from east and south; fresh or strong gales on Struts; unsettled and mild, with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

	5 a.m.	Mean	5 p.m.
Barometer	43	45	45
Thermometer	47	48	48
Wind	46	46	42

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

	5 a.m.	Mean	5 p.m.
Barometer	43	45	45
Thermometer	47	48	48
Wind	46	46	42

Average state of weather—Stormy.
Rain—6.0 inch.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.62
Corrected.....29.520

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....29.56

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Utopia from the South:

E. J. Palmer	C. C. Phillips
W. E. Phipps	A. F. Timm
Miss Palmer	A. P. Turner
H. E. R. Co.	H. Harris
C. R. Coburn	H. Harvey
C. Johnson	N. Hartsfield
P. Brun	B. Barnes
W. H. Connell	Miss Barnes

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:
Earl of Drogheda Miss Olla Taylor
Dr. A. H. Waller J. P. Colquhoun
F. A. Hollibaugh F. P. Belcher

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:
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J. White G. A. Keefer
W. A. Dier Miss Pelt
E. C. Jennings R. B. Berks
W. J. Gillen A. F. Houston
F. J. Dean R. B. Berks
F. W. Beebe G. A. Campbell
A. J. Palmer J. C. Marshall
G. Adams A. Loxley
J. Halsworth Mrs. Loxley
W. W. Stevenson T. Godman
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A. A. Knight

CONSIGNEES.

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R. P. Rithet & Co.	Jennie Cleoquet
John Colbert	A. W. Wilson
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Albion Iron Works	S. Lelzer & Co.
A. Schmitz	Speed Bros.
B. C. R. Co.	S. J. Pitts
D. Williams & Co.	Thos. Earle
Erskine, W. & Co.	W. A. Jamison
W. L. Stewart & Co.	Watson & Hall
Fletcher Bros.	Yuen Lung
Fell & Co.	W. P. Jaynes
G. E. Munroe & Co.	D. Bazzano
G. P. Alexander	Ed. Quenell
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J. Barnsley & Co.	J. Thn & Co.
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J. S. J.	Hong Seng Tai
Kim Lung	S. Fader & Co.
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M. Marks	W. & J. Wilson
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R. Baker & Son	
R. Lettice	

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F. R. Stewart & Co.	A. Holmes
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E. B. Martin & Co.	J. Savanah
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22 Draught Horses,

8 Waggon,

8 Sets Double Harness,

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EXPOSITION RESULTS.

Loss Less on French World's Fair Than on the Preceding One.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The official report of the finances of the exposition shows a loss of 2,000,000 francs. The total expenditure is 116,500,000 francs, and the receipts amounted to 114,500,000 francs. The loss is less than in the case of either of the preceding expositions.

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The Annual Meeting

Reports for the Past Year of the Home Nursing Society.

Election of Officers, Account of Work Done and Financial Statement.

The annual meeting of the Home Nursing Society was held on Thursday morning, when many of those interested in the work were present. A letter was read from Mrs. Higgins, resigning the office of president. A sincere vote of thanks for her past work and sympathy with her in her present illness, was passed. Mrs. Galletley was unanimously elected president, Miss Perrin was appointed secretary-treasurer, and the following ladies were chosen as the committee: Mrs. H. Barnard, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Brooker, Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mrs. Carr, Miss Craze, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Goepel, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Jennie, Mrs. Lenz, Mrs. Leiser, Mrs. McQuade, Mrs. McMicking, Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Ramsdale, Mrs. Redfern, Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Todd.

The following reports were then read: Balance Sheet of the Home Nursing Society for the year ending Dec. 10, 1900.

Receipts.

Cash in hand, Dec. 10	\$ 3.02
By subscriptions	511.75
By donations	46.90
Cash in hand (special fund)	150.00
Discount on bills	1.40
	\$613.07

Expenditure.

Nurse's Salary	\$480.00
Telephone	34.75
Drugs	39.25
Stamps	2.00
Care fare, etc.	10.25
Washing	1.00
Cleaning	1.00
Home Sewing Society	5.00
Affiliation fee, L. C. W.	2.00
Extras	2.00
	\$568.25

Cash in Bank of Montreal \$21.40
Cash in special fund 123.07
Cash in hand 35
\$613.07

Examined and found correct.
J. A. L. RAYMUR,
E. C. PERRIN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

December 12, 1900.

In presenting the annual report of the Home Nursing Society, the committee wish it always to be remembered that the actual figures cannot give much idea of the work done; we may hear of a certain number of visits paid, and cases attended, but as no names or facts about patients are ever told publicly, unless we know something of nursing, it will be difficult for us to gauge rightly the real good that this society is accomplishing in a quiet way in Victoria.

During the past 12 months the nurse has attended forty-one patients, which included twelve maternity cases; the remaining twenty-nine being surgical or medical. The nurse does remain with any patient longer than is absolutely necessary, yet the work is continuous, without giving any rest at all, between the cases.

The time has passed, when in this report it is necessary to justify the existence of this society. The doctors are willing to welcome the help thus offered, and the other nurses are by now entirely convinced that there is no thought of interfering with their work, and that no cases are assisted where it is possible for payment to be made.

During the past year, the resignation of Miss Ellingson from the position of nurse of the society has unfortunately to be chronicled. She has been connected with the work from its commencement, when the Maternity Home was closed, and the Home Nursing Society was started, more than three years ago, and its success to-day is due in a large degree to her efforts, for wherever she visited, the same story of appreciation was heard, and people learned that she was among them in their times of sickness to help in every possible way those who could not afford to pay for the services of a nurse.

As a small token of appreciation of past services, the committee collected a sufficient sum of money among themselves to give Miss Ellingson a gold watch (which was suitably inscribed, through the medium of Mr. Redfern. This present was most gratefully accepted by Miss Ellingson, who, at the same time, said how much she had learned from her time spent in work in Victoria, which she designated as "three happy years of service."

Miss Ellingson's successor, Miss Aplin, has shown herself to be thoroughly interested in the work, and during the past six months she has earned the gratitude of many patients, who have spoken warmly of her care and attention and kindness.

The treasurer's statement will show that the society is in a satisfactory financial condition. The receipts amount to \$613.07, and the expenditure to \$568.25, while the special fund of \$150 has decreased by \$28 for extra help, and a large debt bill that was outstanding. The successful condition of this report must be attributed to the many kind friends who support the society by subscriptions, over 160 names appearing on the list. One great feature is the number of small amounts given monthly, and these are paid in to the treasury by a few ladies who are willing to give the time to collect regularly from their friends.

The sum of \$235.75 more than two-fifths of the whole amount, has been handed in by four ladies during the past year; this is mentioned in grateful acknowledgment of their help, and in the hope of stirring up some other friends to do as likewise for the society.

At North Victoria things did not run so smoothly. For that, the Provincial Police Officer Hoskins and Commissioners J. R. Armstrong of Saanich, Arthur Wells of Salt Spring Island, and Washington Grimmer met yesterday morning at Sidney. The renewals of the Sidney, North Saanich and Point Comfort hotels were granted as of course; but opposition, in the persons of Mr. W. W. Wilson, of the Victoria Hotel, and Mr. J. R. Armstrong, of Saanich, appeared to the application of W. M. Robson, of the Mayne Island house. Mr. George E. Powell, of this city, appeared on behalf of the application; and after some time devoted to the details of this matter, it was voted over until the 29th instant, pending the completion of the petitions required under the act.

PORTO RICO.
Military Government of the Colony Has Now Ceased.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 15.—The House of Delegates to-day passed unanimously its first bill. The measure, which was introduced by Delegate Todd, declared that membership in the House of Delegates is incompatible with the holding of other public offices.

The military department of Porto Rico ceased to exist at noon to-day, with Gen. Davis' departure on the transport Crook for Newport News. The American colony turned out en masse and gave Gen. Davis an ovation. Troops of the Fifth Cavalry and 102 other passengers sailed on the Crook. Horses and mules to the number of 320 were shipped by the transport.

DROWNED.
Body of Lady Catherine Manners Found in a Fish Pond.

London, Dec. 15.—The body of Lady Catherine Manners, eldest daughter of the Duke of Rutland, who had been missing since Friday, was found in a fish pond in the grounds of Belvoir Castle to-day.

REICHSTAG ADJOURNS.
German Legislators Have Gone Home For the Holidays.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The reichstag, after months of hard work, has adjourned for the holidays.

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MINES AND MINING

A Weekly Summary of Events

By David B. Bogle

DR. SELWYN ON ORE EXPORTS.

The following taken from the report of an interview with Dr. Selwyn in the Vancouver World is strong confirmation of the attitude I took with reference to the export of British Columbia lead concentrates to Chili, in a letter to the Colonist some time ago. There is no necessity, however, to take for granted that Vancouver is the only possible place for the location of the silver and lead refining business:

"The shipment of British Columbia lead ores to Chili is condemned by practical mining men, and the fact that the export is on the increase is deprecated. Dr. Selwyn, who was formerly head of the mineralogy department of the Dominion government, was seen in regard to the matter by a World reporter, and he spoke strongly against the export. 'I would like to suggest,' he remarked, 'that the ore be retained in the province, and a smelter erected at some convenient place like Vancouver. I say Vancouver, not because I have any special interest in this city, but because it is bound to become the great business metropolis of the world. Were a smelter built here, and the ores of the province refined here, the ores from Chili would have to be sent here. At least they could not be dealt with in that country as they are what are called dry ores and need the wet ores, so to speak, of this province for reduction. I agree with what David B. Bogle, a well known Vancouver miner, has written in regard to the matter. He points out that after the British Columbia ore is shipped to Chili and silver ores, which are being mined there, it is then shipped to San Francisco, where it is refined. The silver in it is shipped from San Francisco to the Orient, and I might add that shipments of silver to the Orient are increasing very rapidly. This is the rightful trade of Vancouver, and if the question were taken up, the refining and shipping could be done at this point.

"There are two or three things which favor the establishment of the industry here. The dry ores from South America cannot be smelted without the wet ores of British Columbia, or some other wet ores, whereas the wet ores of British Columbia can be smelted without the dry ore of South America, although it pays to mix as much dry ore with them as they will collect the value of. That being the case, the dry ores of South America should be offered to come to British Columbia to be smelted. Vancouver is, moreover, in as favorable a position as San Francisco to add a market for the lead product of the ore, and is in a better position to ship refined silver to the Orient. If the industry were established here the cost of transportation to Chili, and from Chili back to San Francisco would then be saved, and would be so much more in the pockets of the investors. The scheme is a good one and is worthy of adoption by capitalists."

In a letter received by me a day or two ago from Montreal, Mr. Miner of the Granby smelter is quoted as having stated to my correspondent that the cost of smelting at Grand Forks was \$1.50 per ton of ore, and that it was hoped by increased economy to further reduce it to \$1.80. This, of course, refers only to the cost of the one operation of refining, and not into the comparatively low grade matte. But even so it is a great achievement. The actual cost of smelting at Trail and Northport has always been a jealously guarded secret. But the last costs published of the Hall Mines Smelter at Nelson gave the cost per ton at \$2.98, a difference in favor of Grand Forks is made up from the following items: cheap water power, self-fluxing ore, and lower fuel cost. When it is remembered that the large ore bodies in the Knob Hill and Ironsides enable the average cost of mining to be very nearly cut in two, it is evident that a very low grade of ore can be treated at a profit. In 108 working days the smelter treated 45,000 tons of ore from which was obtained 1,650 tons of matte, the copper in which alone is claimed to be worth over \$300,000.

REFINING PLANT AT TRAIL.

I hear on very good authority that the Canadian Pacific railway company has decided to establish a refining plant in connection with the lead smelter at Trail. The question of the lead smelting in Kootenay is a very interesting one both to the people of Kootenay and on the Coast. Put shortly it is this: Can lead smelters on the Canadian side outbid the smelters in the States, or elsewhere, which are willing to pay a premium on the wet ores. If they can it is because they can utilize these wet ores to smelt the low grade gold bearing silicious ores of the Rossland camp. If they cannot then the only hope for lead smelting in British Columbia would be to establish smelting works on the Coast and import the dry ores from South America and the Orient. If the Kootenay smelters succeed in solving the problem of smelting and refining lead ores locally there is no hope for silver lead smelting on the Coast, because the dry ores available in Kootenay are too low grade to stand transportation. This whole question is most vitally interesting to all British Columbians. The cost of smelting and refining a ton of ore is greater, very much greater, than the cost of mining it. If the industry is located in the province it will quadruple the advantages we get out of our mines, and lead eventually, to the manufacture of the more complex products, lay a foundation of a great industrial development.

THE WINNIPEG RECONSTRUCTION.

The attempt to make the Winnipeg mine self-sustaining with inadequate development has after six months gallant struggle resulted in failure and the company has been reconstructed in consequence. The report gives the following history of this season's operations:

"On May 16 preparations were started for unwatering the mine and for resumption of work generally. Unwatering the mine absorbed the total cash on hand. Arrangements were made with the Canadian Bank of Commerce for financial assistance and the directors undertook to guarantee any overdraft that might result. Shipments were soon resumed. The declared policy of the reconstructed board was to endeavor to make the property self-sustaining.

"Your directors secured the services of Mr. N. T. Tregear, and he advised us that it was possible, but not probable, that we could make the mine self-sustaining. In order to attain this end that portion of the staff engaged on ore exploration had to ship sufficient ore not only to pay for themselves, but also to carry one-half to two-thirds of the staff employed upon compulsory development work.

"Up to date we have shipped 45 cars of ore, weighing net 2,150,528 lbs., or slightly over 1,075 tons. There was a considerable deficiency on four cars that amounted to \$175.46. The proceeds of 41 cars amounted to \$6,828.64, and by deducting the deficiency of \$175.46, the actual net returns of our ore were \$6,653.18, or a net value of \$6.19 per ton. Four-fifths of this ore was subject to a \$7 freight and treatment rate, and all ore to deductions of 5 per cent. of gold and silver values and one and one-third per cent. of copper. In other words, the gross value per ton of all shipments, deficiencies cars included, was nearly \$14 per ton. The highest individual car, taken from the recent strike on the 300, foot level, netted the company \$36.26 per ton. When shipments were resumed last May our ore had to be hauled about one-quarter of a mile to the Branch switch, but your directors interviewed the C. P. R. authorities and eventually got the rails laid to the shaft-house, thereby effecting a saving of 50 cents per ton for hauling."

The reconstruction with its necessary assessment has been cheerfully acquiesced in by the shareholders, whose feeling was expressed at the meeting by the shareholders:

"With the fine shipping facilities, splendid freight and treatment rates, an able superintendent and the necessary capital, it is my belief that the Winnipeg mine will yet disappoint the croakers and reward its stockholders."

There appears to be good ground for these cheerful anticipations. If the Winnipeg comes out a big and prosperous mine the shareholders will owe a debt of gratitude to the able and conscientious financial arrangement of Mr. Plewman, the secretary of the company.

EXCELLENT SHIPPING FACILITIES.

The new wagon road to deep water at Crawford bay on Kootenay lake has been completed. It is intended to ship 5,000 tons of ore from the London & Richelieu this winter. The Nelson Tribune thus refers to the new government road:

"McBeath & Peters have brought down their plant from Crawford bay after finishing the work on the wagon road. The companies operating along the creek, the London Consolidated and Richelieu being the principal corporation at present, now have exceptionally good shipping facilities. The road is substantially constructed and has an easy grade. At the lake front a wharf has been built to which the craft of greatest draught can tie without trouble at extreme low water. The ore which McVeigh Brothers have contracted to team should begin moving shortly and the Silver Hill will then enter the producing list."

A NEW VEIN DEVELOPED ON THE DUNDEE AT YMIR.

A small crew of men is at work on the Dundee group doing development on the vein which was disclosed after the forest fires last summer swept the ground clear of timber and brush. The ledge averages 12 feet and has a good pay streak of clean shipping ore. The tunnel on this vein is now in 176 feet and it gives every indication of becoming one of the company's most valuable assets.

A NEW SLOCAN SHIPPER.

A new Slocan shipper is the Slocan Chief which though on the Kaslo slope is the Kootenay glacier made its shipment by way of Ton Mile. The consignment was 16 tons and was sent to Nelson.

MINING AT KAMLOOPS.

The shaft on the Iron Mask under bond to the B. C. Exploring Syndicate, is now down 110 feet and cross-cutting has been begun. High grade ore is being brought out. The property is said to carry an ore body forty feet wide.

The old shaft on the Copper King has been re-timbered and preparations made for the erection of a shaft house. The first shaft had just been put into the ground and the drift and six sacks of ore and the very highest grade were taken out. The face looks well, the bands of bonito totaling up to two feet six inches, with three feet of ore of medium grade, much of which will ship. The bonito is worth nearly \$100.00 per ton, and there is nearly half a carload sacked for shipment. A carload of high grade ore and a carload of medium grade is expected to be ready for shipment before the new year.

Ore is being sorted and sacked at the Lucky Strike for shipment to Trail smelter.

THE FRANKLIN CAMP.

This camp is situated at the extreme headwaters of the Kettle river. It is most accessible from the Arrow lakes, but parts of the camp lie in no fewer than three separate mining divisions. The following from the Nelson Tribune is the first that has been heard of it for some time:

The rush into the Kettle river country last spring caused by the reports of remarkably large assays from

specimens taken from properties on the Eureka lode. The values were found in tellurides and the returns from the first assays were so large that it was believed the district would prove a bonanza camp. This did not turn out to be the case by any means, and many of the locations made under the excitement have not had a hole drilled in them and will lapse next year unless the assessment is paid in cash. Apparently the first shot or two on the Eureka lode were in a pocket which carried high values, for since that time, so far as The Tribune is aware, no big strikes have been made. The vein known as the Eureka lode is a remarkable formation. At the only point where development has been done a cross-cut was driven 41 feet through ore without encountering the footwall and at many other points it can be seen that the ore is low grade, \$5 being probably a fair average for the Eureka, and the ore is not amenable to free milling treatment. Mr. Brock, the official of the Dominion government who spent the summer in the country as mineralogist with the topographical survey, examined the ore carefully and expressed the opinion that it could be easily and economically reduced by cyaniding."

GREAT GROWTH OF POPULATION.

In 1896 the total vote in the Dominion election in the Yale-Kootenay-Cariboo district was 3,303 votes; in 1900 it was 8,326 votes with some outlying places still to be heard from, say 8,500 votes in all. It is a fair inference that in four years the population has more than doubled. It has also grown faster in population than any other portion of the Dominion of Canada, Klondike excepted. The nearest approach is to be found in Alberta, where the vote in 1896 was 6,581 and in 1900, 9,221.

A NEW HYDRAULIC ENTERPRISE.

The Chicago National Mines Development Company have consolidated a number of placer leases on the Fraser river, 42 miles northwest of Clinton, and are about to construct the necessary ditch and flume and instal plant to handle the gravel by hydraulic power.

THE RICH ENTERPRISE.

The Enterprise is now being worked with a crew of 30 men and reports crop up frequently that the number will be increased to 100 at an early date. J. D. Kendall, an English expert of repute, has estimated the value of ore in sight at \$1,000,000, and a statement issued by the company in England has set forth their ability to ship 600 tons of ore monthly. The work is now largely confined to development with shipments sufficient to meet current expenses.

GREAT LACK OF SNOW.

Mining men generally are complaining of the unseasonable weather and the lack of snow. In several instances where contracts have been let for handling ore some distance to the lake front, the teamsters have been unable to move a pound of ore because of the lack of sleighing. At other points the rawhide trails are thawing and so slushy that rawhiding has been postponed until a cold snap sets in. The result is that a number of properties which should have started shipping a fortnight ago still have thousands of dollars locked up in ore on their dumps and the disappointment is keen and shared by the contracting teamsters who figured on a long sleighing season.—Nelson Tribune.

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TEACHER

TRAINING.

As it Relates to Sabbath Schools Discussed by Rev. John A. Logan.

It is not the intention of this article to enter upon a discussion of the art of teaching, but rather to set forth some of the plans proposed to assist teachers in their work. It is admitted that the means at hand for qualifying Sunday school teachers efficiently to teach is of the most elementary character. Such methods as are used would be most discouraging to a teacher in the public school. Under the circumstances, the wonder is that so many devoted people are ready and willing to undertake it, and still greater the wonder that such excellent results have been attained. True it is that difficulty and earnestness in a good cause will overcome many an obstacle. With this condition of things, the earnest Sunday school teacher is always on the lookout for some hints that will render the task more productive of good.

The church has given much consideration to the subject of "Teacher Training." The Fourth General Council of Presbyterian Churches, held in London, Eng., 1888, recommended that "the church courts should provide adequate means of giving thorough preparation for their work to Sabbath school teachers."

Rev. Dr. Vorden, superintendent of Sunday school work in the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. (North), says that "the most profound need is a normal class in every church, presided over by the pastor."

Our assembly's Sunday school committee, which recently met, emphasized the idea that ministers should put forth efforts to train their own Sunday school teachers. As a step in this direction, the various colleges have been asked to give special instructions for the purpose of fitting Sunday school students for work in their prospective fields of labor. At least three of the colleges have responded in the affirmative.

As a further step it is proposed to provide a course of study for teachers and prepare the necessary text books.

In the meantime we can make the best use of what we have. There is the Teachers' Monthly, which, in addition to lesson suggestions, furnishes most helpful articles on different topics relating to practical teaching. These will be of much assistance to the thoughtful, enquiring teacher. The Sunday school convention is a help and stimulus to everyone who attends its meetings.

Teachers' meetings are most useful. Unfortunately they are held by only a very small percentage of our schools. Without them a healthy condition of affairs cannot exist. It is most profitable for teachers to meet weekly, to compare notes, unravel difficulties, lay plans, discuss the lesson, and particularly to enquire into the best method of presenting it.

Further, it is recommended that "teacher training" classes be organized in connection with every school where possible. The pastor or some one who has had a special training for this work should have the oversight. A variety of text books have been published for use in such normal work.

There is before me the "Supplemental Lessons For the Sunday School," by Dr. Hurlbut, which may be ordered through any book firm; and also Prof. Hammill's "Normal Bible and Training Lessons," which may be had from W. B. Jacobs, 332 La Salle street, Chicago; two books for 25 cents. Prof. Hammill's books, while not satisfactory in every way, are by far the best. Each book contains a course of 24 lessons on Bible instruction and normal training, and would be very helpful to a class entering upon normal study. It would be well for the teaching class in every school to organize a class for the winter, and get as many adults as possible to join it, who would in this way be fitted in some measure for future teaching. Other books are published by Prof. Pease, Mr. Smalroth and Dr. Wharton. Elizabeth Harrison's book, "A Study of Child Nature," is also recommended.

In cities and towns, pastors and superintendents could in addition arrange for a course of lectures on Sunday School topics with special reference to the needs of the teacher. The course delivered in our city, could be repeated in another city. Such a course could be made most advantageous to our work, if only requires that someone move in the matter, set the ball rolling and very soon it would be accomplished.

Thus it may be seen there are various means which may be employed whereby teachers can be equipped for their work. What a teacher is, and not what he utters, is of first importance, but with a clear value of the benefit of the highest and best available preparation, comes a broader view and loftier conception of the work, which inspire greater desire to tend more carefully the lambs of the flock and to lead them into His fold.

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YOUNG STREET—James Bay—Eight room modern house, lot 51x150, stable, etc., \$2,300; easy terms can be arranged. Apply 40 Government street.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Six roomed house, with bathroom, etc.; lot 50x120; \$1,700. Apply 40 Government street.

VACANT LOTS—A number of good building lots in all parts of the town; call and see our list, 40 Government street.

RITHEF STREET—Good five roomed cottage, bath, hot and cold water, well drained; lot 180 feet deep; \$1,400; very easy terms. Apply 40 Government street.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—9 roomed house, modern in every respect; 1 acre of land; outbuildings, etc., etc., \$5,600.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Two good lots off Esquimalt road; cleared, good building site; \$200 each; a bargain. 40 Government street.

COOK STREET (cor. of Chatham street)—Fine two-story dwelling, one acre of ground; conservatory; \$6,000; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

BLANCHARD STREET—A nice cottage in good locality, \$1,800. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

A NUMBER OF VALUABLE FARMS on the Mainland, and especially in Fraser Valley, 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

DENMAN ISLAND—100 acres, giving evidence of coal, \$750; terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

FORT STREET—Part of the Heywood Estate; just above Cook street; fine building sites; prices reasonable; easy terms. 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ROCKLAND AVENUE—Fine two-story residence; one acre land; grand view; \$8,500; terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

RICHARDSON STREET—Full lot and 7 roomed cottage, \$2,000; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

HARRISON STREET—Lot and nice cottage, \$1,750; \$250 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

COR. MENZIES AND NIAGARA STS.—One acre, \$3,500; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

COR. YATES AND COOK STREETS—Two story dwelling, \$3,500, \$500 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

JOHNSON STREET (above Douglas)—Lot, 60x120; 3 story brick and basement, 60x120; well located for factory or other kind; only \$10,000; exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

CHATHAM STREET (near Cook Street)—Lot 60x120; cottage six rooms, \$1,100; exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

COOK AND NORTH PARK STREETS—Two story building, containing two stores leased to responsible tenant, only \$2,500. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA WEST (cor. of Mary and Frederick streets)—Two lots for \$800; handsome building site; fine view of the Straits; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

SECOND STREET—Good 2 story house and full sized lot, \$2,100. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

HOTELS FOR SALE—Call and see our list, 40 Government street.

NIAGARA STREET—1½ lots, and 2 story dwelling, \$1,600; exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

BATTERY STREET, Beacon Hill—Full sized lot and good 2 story dwelling, \$2,100. This is cheap. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

OAK BAY—3½ acres, cleared, very pretty site; cheap; \$1,000; \$200 cash, balance on time. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

NORTH SAANICH—Three or four very good farms. Call and see our list. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

FOURTH STREET—2½ acres, has been under cultivation; price \$1,750; \$250 down, balance on time with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

GORDON HEAD ROAD—11 acres, all cleared and fenced; barn, ready for use; lot 100x150; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

JAMES BAY—Two five roomed houses, \$850 each; will be sold on very easy terms. Apply 40 Government street.

THE ARM—1¼ acres, cleared; waterfront; due site for bungalow; electric light and water pipes running past premises; whole amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. \$3,000. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

GORDON HEAD—Part of section 84, Victoria district; 10 acres; well adapted for small fruit or chicken ranch; \$525; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

JAMES BAY—Corner lot and four dwellings cheap. Must be sold to close an estate.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Handsome building site, just opposite naval recreation grounds; about 1½ acres; cheap in order to close an estate. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA AND LAKE DISTRICTS—About 700 acres; within five miles from post office; 200 acres under cultivation; splendid soil; or will sell in lots to suit buyers; very cheap. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

LAKE DISTRICT—About 50 acres, partly slashed; adjoining a beautiful farm; very good soil and level ground; cheap. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

HIGHLAND DISTRICT—Three farms for sale in this district; building on each: from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

METCHOSIN DISTRICT—An exceptionally fine farm of over 300 acres; about 100 acres under cultivation, which yields very heavy crops; orchard, etc.; good buildings, \$15,000; cash advance to purchase live stock, implements, etc. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

TWO LOTS—Off Oak Bay avenue; good building site; \$500. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Corner lots, all cleared and fenced; nice building site. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

MOUNT TOLMIE ROAD—Opposite Jubilee Hospital; 8 acres; all cleared; will sell in lots of 2 acres; extremely cheap; good building site.

ST. LOUIS STREET—2 cottages and one 2 story dwelling; will be sold as a great bargain; either singly or together. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

Many other farms in all parts of the province too extensive for publication. Call and get particulars, 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

Flight of The Empress

New Details of How the Chinese Court Escaped From Peking.

Cold and Hungry Begged Aid and Clothing From a Magistrate.

Some additional and hitherto unpublished details of the flight of the Chinese court from Peking, translated from writers of a well informed Chinese official, were brought by Mr. M. S. Empress of India. Already accounts have appeared, telling of the hurried flight of the court, upon the arrival of the allies at Peking, amid circumstances of great discomfort, in the early morning, and amidst a drizzling rain. The accounts now to hand state that the court were insufficiently supplied with clothing and had no provisions of any kind. Accompanied by an armed guard of three hundred men, they reached one of the northern gates of the city, where progress was disputed by the soldiers in charge, while the gate was at the same time choked with Chinese fleeing from the city. In order to prevent delay and to cut short the dispute, the eunuchs fired several volleys upon the crowd, killing a considerable number, and the carts conveying the imperial party were ultimately driven forth from the city, over the bodies of the slain. By evening the cortege had reached Huailishan, where the magistrate, Wu by name, came forth to meet them, and escorted them to his Yamen. The Empress was shivering with the cold, and begged the magistrate to supply her with additional clothing. He replied that, to his regret, being a Chinese, he had no Manchu female attire available, whereupon the Empress said these were not times in which a distinction should be made between Manchus and Chinese, and that she was quite willing to don Chinese clothes. The magistrate then caused a number of garments belonging to the widow of his deceased brother to be brought and placed at the disposal of the Empress, who was only too glad to make use of them, and to have a hot bath. The Empress, and to have a hot bath, the magistrate himself could not refrain from weeping over the sad plight to which his sovereign had been reduced. In consideration of Wu's hospitable reception, he was promoted upon the spot to the rank of prefect, and was sent to prepare the way for the imperial party along the route to Taiyuen-fu, whilst his cook, whose efforts to please had evidently given satisfaction, was ordered to accompany the Empress on her journey, with a view to provide the court with suitable food. As a further mark of the imperial favor and confidence, Wu was designated after the arrival of the court at Taiyuen-fu, to make the arrangements for the transmission of treasure and supplies to the new capital in Shan-si, and it is said that when the account was written, he was at Hankow in the discharge of this duty.

A WORD TO WOMEN.
Any sick woman is invited to consult by letter with Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. In an active practice of more than thirty years, assisted by a staff of nearly a score of associate physicians, Dr. Pierce has treated and cured over half a million women. All diseases peculiar to women are treated with success. This consultation by letter is absolutely free. Every letter is treated as strictly private and is answered confidentially. Answers are mailed promptly giving the best of medical advice. All answers are sent in plain envelopes bearing on them no printing of any kind. Write without fear and without fee to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

When, early in September, 1899, it became a pressing necessity to reinforce the troops in South Africa, it was painfully realized that not a single unit at home was ready to take the field. One weak battalion and three field batteries, hastily compounded by wholesale drafting from others, represented the available contribution from a standing army at home whose nominal effectives considerably exceeded 100,000. The reinforcements, totally inadequate to meet the crisis, were made up by drawing upon India and the colonial garrisons. Mistaken by the false analogy of European powers, whose requirements differ absolutely from those of the British Empire, the policy of the war office had been to keep all units at home dependent for conversion into effective forces upon the mobilization of their misadvised reserves, and as the average age of the British recruit is about two years less than that of the colonial soldier, the battalions contained an abnormal number of immature boys quite unfit for active service abroad. An arrangement which provided no force at home to meet an emergency could not have been adopted if there had been a general staff capable of studying our military problems. The system, however, provided a large number of men—80,000 so-called army reservists and 30,000 militia reserves falsely so entitled and partly trained. The wholesale volunteering of militia battalions for service abroad, and the ready assistance of the great colonies combined to make up a large numerical total of men at the outset of war. As soon as hostilities became obviously probable, the war office prepared a large and a small mobilization scheme, in which every unit, vehicle and animal was duly detailed, together with the places from which each

REFORM FOR WAR OFFICE NEEDED.

(From the London Times.)

A long time must elapse before a final judgment can be passed upon all the events of the South African war. The publication of selected despatches ceased abruptly when it was perceived that the revelations in regard to the severe fighting at Spion Kop created exceedingly unpleasant impressions. Since April the only official information forthcoming has been that supplied by the daily telegrams of Lord Roberts, which, however lucid, could at most record bare facts without explaining circumstances. Strong light has been thrown on some of the operations by the letters of special correspondents at the front; but, as the Spion Kop despatches clearly showed, the inner history of events was not always known to the able representatives of the press. In military as in other matters the truth is apt to sink to the bottom of that well from which it may never be entirely extricated. Meanwhile some broad lessons of the war may be drawn with confidence and certainty, and most of them admit of no dispute. The only danger is that they will be forgotten, and that, as after the Crimean campaign, the country will lapse into its accustomed somnolence until again aroused, some time late, by the menace of national disaster.

The war office stands apart from the many serious subjects of consideration which recent events have forced upon the attention of all to whom the honor and the security of the Empire are more than empty phrases. It is an extremely expensive institution, maintained to foresee and make due preparation for probable campaigns, to provide us with an army trained, equipped and organized for war, to administer that army on principles of justice and equity, and to carry on military business with smoothness, regularity, and promptitude. So much its title implies. Inept methods, cumbersome procedure, and frequent gross mistakes of every kind have lost for that office the confidence of the army. Recent experience has destroyed any trust which it may have retained on the part of the British people, and when an official possessing the knowledge of Mr. Hanbury states that the war office requires "sifting out from top to bottom," it is clear that searching reforms are imperatively needed.

The ultimatum presented by the Transvaal government early in October, 1899, may have come as a surprise; but, after the fact, at least, war in South Africa was a contingency which the war office, if competent for the discharge of its duties, could not have overlooked, and for months before that October the political outlook was obviously menacing. At Pretoria, this was fully recognized and preparations of all kinds were deliberately undertaken. The war office possesses an intelligence department whose duty it is to collect information as to the military organization and armaments of foreign powers; but it is nobody's business to study the requirements of the "profession of arms," and officials absorbed in answering trivial questions, which ought never to reach Pall-mall, could not be expected to find time for the due consideration of matters of national importance. There was no difficulty in obtaining the fullest information as to the resources of the Transvaal and the Free State, and we have been officially informed that "the armed strength of the Boers, the number of their guns, with their character and calibre," as laid down in the report of the director of intelligence, by Colonel Stoll, prior to the outbreak of the Franco-Boer war, and Lord Wolseley was apparently as little aware of the fighting resources of the Boers as was Marshal Leboeuf of those of the Germans. As the war office, unlike the central military administrations of other powers, has no department charged with the duty of studying the needs of possible wars and of tendering reasoned advice, the cabinet has to glean instruction as best it may, and irresponsible advisers who were hastily assumed to possess special knowledge of the characteristics of the Boers naturally usurped undue influence. One of the most serious errors of the war office has been to turn every action and their statements checked by the general staff over which Von Moltke presided, which alone was permitted to sway the military policy of Prussia. For the grave irregularities in the matter of advice which occurred last year, the war office is solely and directly to blame. A strong royal commission had urged that a department should be created to perform specific duties, which are now done by every action on its own, but his recommendation did not fall in with the arrangements which prevail at Pall-mall, and it was relegated to oblivion. No cabinet properly advised would have permitted the bombardment of the forts at Alexandria until an ample landing force was at hand. Acceptance of the principal recommendation of the Hartington commission would last year have averted far more serious mistakes.

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IN THE REALM OF LABOR

Miscellaneous Findings Concerning Organized and Unorganized Wage-Earners With Remarks

FIFTY PER CENT.

OLD is the desolate hearth—the hearth that no longer is bright. With the light of the light-giving blaze and the smoke in its ed-dying rings—Where Poverty, clutching her whimpering babe to her lean, dry breast, Crouns as she cowers from the blast, and this is the song she sings:

"Hush my little one, hush! Eat hungry and cold and ill. The poor man's nurse is hunger, and the cold is his cradle still; For this is the law of the land, that those must learn to endure— Fifty per cent for the rich—hunger and cold for the poor."

"Art thou alone in thy sorrow that thou alone shouldst wait? Do not thy famishing brothers hunger and faint and fall?"

Do not thy perishing sisters wither from want and care? Thou, too, must bear the burden that they have learned to bear.

"Little one, great are the rich, but we are commoner here; What are the lives of the many compared with the shares of the few? Is it not theirs to enjoy, ours to be dumb and endure?"

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—London Punch.

The provincial government has added another branch to its printing at parliamentary buildings, where hereafter all parliamentary business, ruling, etc., will be done. The building is situated in a commodious room adjoining the composing department, and presents the appearance of a neat, modern, up-to-date concern. It is equipped with the latest improved machinery, chiefly of the Hickock make. Electricity is being used entirely, thus avoiding the noisome smell which accompanies the use of either steam or gas.

Talking about street cars running on Sunday, and Toronto being referred to as a Sunday observance meeting the other evening, it is only right to state, that while street cars run seven days a week in the Queen City, no employee on the line is permitted to work more than six days in any one week. This is provided for by law. The mere work alternate months on Sunday. There is no compulsion, but in the event of an employee objecting to go on duty, he is compelled to take a day off just the same as if he had worked.

Here is a case from Wales apropos to Sunday observance: "Disturbances have been taking place at the Ffronch lead mine, Aberystwyth, worked by a Belgian company. Some 250 Welshmen are employed, with 200 Italians. The chief cause of the dispute is that the Italians are permitted to work on Saturday afternoons, on Sundays, and even on 'Maundy's Day.' On the other hand, the Italians keep their 'maundy's' under persuasion the Welshmen have conceded the point, and a speedy settlement is probable."

What the Single Tax Will Do.—It will give the laboring masses more than 43 per cent. of the annual savings of the country, instead of less than 10 per cent. as now.

It will give the middle and laboring classes together more than 60 per cent. instead of as now, less than 36 per cent. It will tax the rich and poor equitably and not as now, tax the rich four per cent. and the poor 78 per cent. upon his annual savings.

It will prohibit 28,000 families from having the power to accumulate one-half the annual productions of the country, as they do now.—Detroit Justice.

Mr. Arthur H. Spencer (Socialist) of Toronto, Wash., writes the editor of the Colonist that he is not the A. H. Spencer who is correspondent to the Dominion Labor Gazette for Vancouver Island, as stated by Citizen and Country, Toronto, and copied into this column. The Mr. A. H. Spencer (correspondent) is a Nanaimo citizen. This correction is made in justice to Mr. Spencer, of Toronto, and also carries with it an apology to Mr. Spencer, of Nanaimo.

In the case of Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants vs. the Taff Vale Railway Company, the court of appeals of Great Britain has quashed the injunction of Mr. Justice Farwell restraining union men from "picketing." The court held that the society was an entity not known to the law, and therefore, was incapable of being sued. On the application of counsel, leave was given to appeal to the House of Lords.

The Empress of China is said to arrive with her 3,000 dresses when she travels. These fill 600 boxes, and are taken care of by 1,200 coolies.

Over 1,000,000 panty tickets for sums under 10s. are issued weekly in London alone.

A needle machine turns out 1,500,000 needles in a week.

Every man has an ideal and a tramp has put his in poetical form thus: The sailor loves his ship, The soldier loves his camp, But give me a turnpike road To live and die a tramp.

The membership of the Central Pennsylvania Miners' union has increased from 5,000 on April 1, 1900, to 18,000 at the end of last month.

Nobody can "lead" labor; the men at the front are put there by the rank and file.—Union Record.

The wholesaler has sixteen fixed charges to meet: Taxes, license, house rent, Bradstreet, Dun, clerk hire, express, telegraph, telephone, gas, electric lights, lawyers, court costs, fuel, traveling men and travelers' expenses.—Mercantile Advertiser.

The true measure of a man is not the street, nor the amen corner in the church nor the forum or lodgeroom, but at his own fireside. There he lays aside his mask and you may learn whether he is an angel, king or cur, hero or humbug. I care not what the world says of him, whether it crowns him with a jewel or pelts him with stale eggs. I care not a copper what his reputation may be. If his children dread his homecoming, and his wife swallows her heart

every time she asks him for anything, he is a fraud of the first water, even though he prays till he is black in the face and bawls halloo until he shakes the hills.—Class Struggle.

Rich men meet in the bank, the clubhouse or parlor. Workingmen, when they confer, gather in the streets. All the organized forces are against them. Capital has the army and navy, and the executive and judicial departments. When the rich combine, it is for an exchange of ideas. When the poor combine, it is a conspiracy. If they are in concert and really do something, it is a mob. If they defend themselves it is treason.—Robert Ingersoll.

The professional, not less than the working classes, are sufferers by the present competitive system, and it will grind them harder as the wealth of the country is concentrated into fewer and fewer hands. Take the physician, for instance. He goes to school for an education and then, often, the great sacrifice, spends three or four years at medical institutes. Buoyant with life and hope he hangs out his shingle in some place and waits, waits, waits for the patients whom he could help. He is too young. How he would welcome gray hairs and a heavy beard. He cannot leave his office for he might miss a call. Here he spends the prime of his life, hiding his anxiety and poverty as best he can. He must appear "respectable"—well dressed, must not do anything other than give his attention to his profession for a living to help him out of the hills of difficulty. In this condition of smothered agony the prime of his life is wasted, the flowers of vigor are blasted and life loses the sweetness of being. After he has reached middle age, if he has not become despairing and gone to dissipation, he gets a practice and from then on to the end he works late and early, in all kinds of exertion, and has no time to enjoy life when he has the means. It seems to me an appalling future for the young physician, and I have had more than one tell me they preferred to practice quack methods and skin the public rather than suffer it—Appeal to Reason.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

ANOTHER IDEA.

Sir:—A.E.C. suggests a monument on the top of Mount Douglas for the memorial. Would not a large iron cross there suit the bill better. It could be tubular, and a central section on section, say to the height of twenty feet or more.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

Sir:—I would suggest that a stone archway, surmounted by a bronze lion, be erected between the government buildings and the Drill Hall, in memory of the brave fellows who fought and died for Britain in the South African war. (As a provincial memorial it should be placed on public ground—as a soldiers' memorial, it should be erected near the place where the soldiers received their training.) Bronze tablets bearing the names of the entire contingent and a separate list of the killed, might be placed on the lower part of the archway.

—CANADIAN.

—Victoria, Dec. 11.

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA.

Sir:—In your issue of this date you remark under the above heading: "It is interesting to learn that in 1899 years the amount of fire losses paid in Canada was \$100,635,045, and the amount of premiums collected was \$148,161,394, which gives a net profit of more than a million and a half a year." In making this estimate you have omitted to take into consideration the item of expenses, which, in the case of insurance companies, represents a heavy expenditure especially where taxation has to be considered. A careful revision of your figures will, doubtless, convince you that your estimate of the profits earned by insurance companies doing business in Canada is largely in excess of actual results. I append a few figures, which, I think, you will find to be substantially correct upon comparing them with those contained in the last report of the superintendent of insurance.

UNDERWRITER.

Fire Insurance in Canada from 1875 to 1899.

(25 Years.)

Premiums Received

British companies, \$ 9,009,252

American companies 14,710,855

Total \$23,720,107

Losses and Expenses—

British Losses \$ 60,837,368

British Expenses 25,709,004

American Losses 8,545,895

American Expenses 3,963,870

Total \$83,056,137

Excess of Premiums over Losses

Expenses in 24 years 5,901,048

Representing a gain of 54 per cent. (no deduction being made for uncovered premiums in respect of policies still running.)

N.B.—Figures of Canadian companies cannot be given with sufficient accuracy as to the expenses of their fire and marine departments not being separated.

CRAIGFLOWER ROAD.

Sir:—It is a pity that our city fathers cannot see some way to arrive at a settlement of the much talked of Craigflower road dispute. In the interests of the public and the owners of the disputed lands, it is certainly the duty of the board of aldermen to cast aside any and all differences of opinion as to the question of the old roadway having been crown land or not, and treat the matter in a businesslike manner, and proceed in the usual way of the province in the past, having assessed and collected taxes on the lots in question according to the registered plan thereof, without any recognition having been taken of the old roadway running through said lots, or any allowance having been made in the amount of taxes collected thereon in consequence of a portion thereof having been used by the public. The board has recognized the registered plan as being the official subdivision, and surveyed and laid out the streets on the new city map according to the registered plan. There seems to be a desire on the part of certain aldermen, backed by some of the Victoria West people, to throw the property owners and the city into litigation rather than to deal with the main issue, namely, the opening of the proposed new diagonal street. I don't

THEATRICAL.

"The Amerer," this latest of Victor Herbert's melodramas of catchy music, with Frank Daniels, the droll, in the title role, was indeed a treat, and Victorians will wish for a speedy return of the talented comedian. On both Thursday and Friday nights good-sized audiences, were at the theatre, and went away amused with the tuneful lyrics running through their brains. The performance on the first night was marred by the absence of Misses Helen Richmond and Kate Uart, who have two of the principal feminine roles of the opera. As told, they missed the boat, having slept in, they say, but there were those in the company who said that the two melodious singers are not good sailors, and may have seen the storm-signals. They were certainly missed, although the understudies did very well under the circumstances. Of Daniels, there is nothing to add to what has already been said. He is a comedian among comedians.

Primrose and Dockstader return to the Victoria theatre with their big minstrel aggregation to-morrow night. A minstrel company must have in it the element of living fun. The gags indulged by the end men must be new or they fail. The "turns" of the several comedians must be novel or they will fail to please. The wit of the chief comedians must be original and sparkling or the audience will close their eyes in sleep. Cognizant of this fact Primrose & Dockstader have many new and novel features, bright and witty sayings, original acts, fine singing and superb scenic accessories this season. The experienced proprietors have invested thousands of dollars in scenery alone for this year's special production. The advance man in his bid for patronage puts it as follows: "There are no less than eight comedians, all bright actors, with not an old joke in their repertoire. Larry Dooley, an artist whose work is heightened by his marvellous singing; Neil O'Brien, one of the cleverest and funniest men in the business; Charles Kent, interlocutor and singer, and others who know what up-to-date demands mean. Mr. Primrose's new act requires no less than three magnificent scenes all of which are marvels of artistic beauty. He introduces 'The Twins' in pickaninny dances that are delightful. Lew Dockstader's impersonations of McKinley, Bryan, Roosevelt, Hanna and other political leaders, are immensely funny and are produced with the comedian's fine sense of humor. In this he is aided by a railway station scene which for excellence and realization has never been excelled. He speaks from the rear platform of a Pullman coach, and the de-

while a detective appears on the scene and disguises himself as the Indian.

Finally Jack marries the American heiress, who is quite won by his "picturesque exaggeration," the aunt and cousin are propitiated and the sister at last wins her lover. The cast includes Beatrice Norman, May Anderson, William Friend, Chas. Drake, E. J. Mack, Chas. Lum, Jos. Cusack, Estella Wilmont, Frank J. Gorman, Chas. Deland and Otille Deland.

Mlle. Antonia Dolores, or as Victorians knew her on her last visit Mlle. Antonette Trebell, is booked to give a concert at the Victoria theatre on Thursday, December 27. She has now adopted the former "nom de chant" and desires to be hereafter known by that name. Victorians remember with satisfaction her last concert. Inheriting a singularly artistic temperament from her parents who look at one time considered her in various positions in the realms of music, Mlle. Dolores, as the result of inexhaustible study and finished training, coupled with unusual experience, stands forth to-day an illustrious model and exponent of the true "Bel Canto." She possesses a soprano voice melodious in quality and extensive in range, combined by a flawless production, a perfection of technique, purity of enunciation and an almost limitless variety of expression, enabling her to interpret every phase of vocal emotion, from the depth of pathos to joyous hilarity, and her linguistic attainments afford her the power of singing in various tongues with faultless pronunciation.

Mlle. Dolores' career has been one of remarkable distinction and world-wide extent. In England, France, Holland, Poland and Russia, and other European centres her fame is paramount. South Africa has been the scene of some of her greatest successes. Throughout the United States, California especially, and Canada, she is an established favorite; whilst in Australia and New Zealand no contemporary singer is held in higher admiration and esteem. Late she made her first acquaintance with the Northwest Territory, journeying as far as the Coast. Of her concert here the Colonist said: "The recital by Mlle. Dolores drew a large and fashionable audience, who expressed the most demonstrative delight at the fair entertainer's marvellous vocal abilities. The enthusiasm at times was of a really boisterous character. At the conclusion of the programme the audience rose on masses and cheered Mlle. Dolores and Lieut. Governor Joly, under whose patronage the concert was held, presented her with a bouquet. The selection, 'Carnival de Venice,' was admitted on all sides to be the most brilliant vocal achievement heard in Western Canada for many years. At its conclusion many in the audience rose and shouted for an encore."

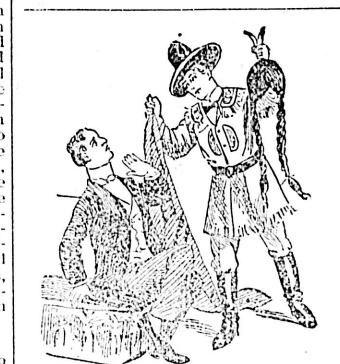


PRIMROSE & DOCKSTADER.

ception is extraordinary. "The Choir Boy's Dream" is another new and novel feature, as impressive as it is singularly beautiful with its cathedral loft, and Mr. Vanglin's solo singing. It is a difficult matter, one would think, to involve with any new interest the performances of a musical team, but the work of Bogert and O'Neill in this line will convince all that, when genius is employed, the results are always as satisfying as they are surprising. The graceful and daring acrobatic performances of the Damoun family are thrilling and sensational. Primrose and Dockstader take upon themselves a lot of clever work, and this means much of the beautiful dancing of Mr. Primrose and the topical songs and moralities of Mr. Dockstader keep the entertainment up to the highest point. No doubt this will all be proven to-morrow night, for Primrose and Dockstader in previous visits have never failed to give a good account of themselves.

The attraction at the Victoria on Wednesday will be the first representation in this city of that much talked of farce, "A Stranger in a Strange Land," which won great success during its ten weeks' run at the Manhattan theatre, New York. It is described as a roasting, rollicking farce on the same lines as "My Friend From India," "Why Smith Left Home," "The Man From Mexico," and "What Happened to Jones." Managers Thall and Kennedy promise a strong company. The play is from the pen of Sidney Whiner and Walter Vincent. The production is identical as to scenery and every appointment with the New York engagement. The plot of the play is unique. The scene is laid in England, and the story is suggested by the alleged ignorance of the upper English classes concerning American topography, manners and customs. The comedy complications are involved and the plot is an adroitly delayed until just before the final curtain. A wild and erratic young scion of a British family has been sent

to this country with the understanding that he remain away three years as a ranchman. But this plan does not prove congenial to him, and he settles in New York, and after a time writes home, telling hair-raising stories of his vast cattle ranch near Buffalo and the desperadoes who surround him. His uncle, however, accidentally learns the truth and desiring to save his nephew from the family wrath, pens a letter advising him to come back with a list of Indians in tow and all manner of blood-curdling stories committed to memory. Of course, the letter miscarries, and Jack arrives home without Indians or knowledge of what has taken place, to crown all, on the same train with him goes a young American heiress. To avoid exposure, a suitor for his sister's hand, in the person of Arthur Lowe, is made to dress as a savage. Then a quack doctor from the Western United States appears with a true Indian.



"Stranger in a Strange Land."

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